Verses, &
Quotations
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you shall win.

Eternal Glory

I'm bound for the kingdom of Eternal Glory And right straight ahead I will steer I will make the sacrifice To obtain the heavenly prize Prepared for the holy and pure Myself I'll be denying Old nature crucifying In humiliation I'll go In holiness increasing In purity progressing Then Mother will own me I know

First Order.

Promise for the Faithful.

How Mother loves the faithful soul The soul that gives up all Devotes their talents time & strenght In honor to their call For solemn solemn yea it is A solemn call indeed From carnal joys and vain delights To be the chosen seed
O precious youth do prize your day Improve it while you can Increase in love to this pure way Laid out by Mother Ann And if your faithful you will be The flower of heaven above The glory of

paradise And feed on
Heavenly love. 2nd Order
New Lebanon

A Cementing Bond.

O union thou cementing
bond That makes love freely
flow While on our way to
canaan's land Alleluia here
we go Union is a shining
light O let it freely flow
To guide us safely day and night
Alleluia here we go. 1st Order
Holy Mount

The Able Veteran

Come ye souls and stand the trial Come ye little chosen few Walk the path of selfdenial Here's the daily cross for you Here's the cross and we will take it We are able and we will Hate the flesh and so forsake it Here upon this chosen hills.

Comforting Promise

Behold saith the Lord mine arm is stretched forth to protect my chosen My land shall not be desolate nor my holy

house forsaken I shall call and many shall hear my voice The holy city shall be filled and her inhabitan[ts] sing aloud for joy.

Holy Seraphs

C M

Hidden Treasure

O the deep and hidden treasure
The gospel does bring forth
No Princely gem can equal
Its beauty or its worth
Tis by the cross in Zion found
By those whose constant there
Who value most the gifts of
God And treasure them
with care O this treasure
is pure love Will you give
to me a drop In a tight
and pure vessel I will
treasure it up Here
here I'll cultivated it
And make it grow and
thrive Pray do give a little

morsel To keep me alive From Harvard

Elder Br Lorenzo D Grosvenor

The Creeper

There is a lovely creeping vine
Its root I have set deep
A o'er these little ones of mine
It shall forever creep
And when the roughst and raging storm Of trouble o'er you sweep Beneath its shadow thou shall rest
It is a safe retreat.

Crest from Harvard

God our Protector

Before the God of my salvation
I will bow and be humble
and low That I may feel
his mercy and love and
gather beneath his powerful
arm of protection Where in
safety I can dwell and
feel his holy gifts like a
shower descending upon us.

New Lebanon

1849

The Dripping Cluster

Dear Brethren and Sisters
With you I will go Thro'
sorrow afflictions and trials

belove I'll never be parted from this happy band Whose faces are set for the promised land Already I've tasted of that happy clime The clusters all dripping with heavenly wine And since I'm supplied with all that I need in faith and obedience I'll follow my lead. Endfield Conn

Shining Dresses

Here is a glorious crown prepared For every faithful soul Who patiently all

trials bear And keep within the fold In mansions of eternal rest, Where saints and Angels reign In shining robes they will be dressed Which by the cross they gain. Endfield Conn

Comfort Unceasing

Now I will be marching To the heavenly kingdom Where comfort flow unceasing To Mothers faithful children There upon my harp I'll play A song of sweet liberty And praise my heavenly

King and Queen
to all eternity Endfield
1849

An Unsatisfied Want

I want more gospel freedom
I need simplicity I
want more love and
union In true
sincerity I want my
soul enlivened With
fervant gospel zeal
And daily be a striving
To win the gospel field:
Endfield Conn
1849

Troops of Heaven

Bright troops of now are marching thro'out thy tents O Zion Their music sweetly ringing O heavenly praises singing Arise O Jerusalem for the glory of God like the morning sun hath risen upon thee Prepare O ye children of Mother For the great and increasing work of God.

Immortal Treasure

Lord give me power to stand In the trying day at hand For I know

tribulations is near Help
me bow exceeding low
And let true repentence
flow That I may without
blemish appear May my
spirit hourly sup Of
the Saviours bitter cup.
Till I in his likeness
shall shine That I may
obtain a crown When
this mortal is laid down
And say life eternal is
mine. Holy Ground

An Overflowing Blessing

Holy Angels are descending
Around us now they hover

Let every soul be filled with
love full and running over
Flow on flow on Let every heart
be merry Flow on flow on
And fill the sanctuary.

South Union

Praises to God

I will shout and I'll sing
Heavenly praises to God
For the way of salvation That
I'm traveling in Yea the way
It is holy It is pure and clean
I will bless the Lord That
I'm called therein.

North Family
New Lebanon

Old Soft and Flat

I know I love simplicity
I love to be entirely free
I love to bend this way and
that And trample down
old soft and flat In
Mothers power I will
be ruling Bowing
turning twisting shaking
For it brings such pleasa[nt]
feelings Every wrong to
be forsaken Every tie of
Bondage breaking
Gathering simple love
love From Alfred

1848

Firm Resolution

With courage new I will
pursue The path of
selfdenial I will not
murmur nor complain
But press thro's every trial
There's no discouragement
at all For the true and
honest hearted Who do
indeed obey their lead
From such they'll ne'er
be parted.

Dear Home

O my home in Zion home
dear to my soul I would
not exchange it for mountains

of gold. Nay nay not for thousands of worlds like as this World I turn and reject my holy faith.

From the East

Flowing Freely

Now pure love is freely flowing Holy power is a rolling Come now receive I would be breaking Every band asunder Tho it is mortifying To be bowing bending shaking Twisting turning and jerking It will a fleshly nature

bind And set the spirit free free. Harvard.

Resplendant Beauty

I hear the sound of victory As I march thy streets O Zion I see thy glory as the morning sun Arise in resplendant beauty I hear the shepherds gentle voice Gathering his faithful children I hear a tender mother say God will comfort his people.

Social Band

Dearest kindred we
have found Full and
free salvation In this
way do peace abound
Joy and consolation
All united on we go
Joined heart and hand
And the little we do
claim Mothers social
band. Second Family
Holy Ground.

A Happy Meeting.

When all of Mothers
children meet Within
her mansion fair O.

What joy O how sweet what
can with it compare
My companions hasten
on There is in worlds
above A quiet sweet repose
Where we all can dwell in
love

Chosen Vale.

Something New.

As I am traveling on my way Bearing my cross each night and day I have found something that's pretty and new If you would like I will give some to you 'Tis one little crumb of your dear Fathers blessing 'Tis of the best that he is possessing 'Tis your dear Mothers love you may know For she has just now told me so

From Enfield

Joyful Meeting.

Joyful Meeting

Good morning my friends
how are you now I'm thank-
ful to meet here with you
We now can sing and dance
together and praise our ever
blessed Mother And who is
more happy than we are
Yea who is more happy than
we are none on the earth

First Order. N. Lebanon

Never Dying Fool

Will you drink with me at the
fount of love and satiate
your thirst with its coolness

Here is a never dying spot
I will yield to all a
fullness How good to unite
with the simple soul
The* followers of Mother
Now my sweet love I would
exchange With each sister
and each Brother.

Canterbury.

Word of God.

I'll lead my chosen people
saith God through pleasent
groves and in low vallies
I will turn turn and
overturn my people shall
know that I am he who
ruleth the heavens and the
* faithful.

Earth also. Luey Gates - 1st Order
New Lebanon.

Mothers Promise

1st
March on with courage
My little company
While I mark the way before you
To the land of purity
Those who will be faithful
And subject to their lead
Shall feed in my own mansion
On sweet and heavenly bread

2nd
Tho deep tribulation
May often round you roll
The gift of full salvation
Will well reward your soul
If true in your calling my

Thy holy cause maintain
As Kings and lovely
Princes In heaven you
shall reign. } Sent by Mother Ann
} to the young Brethren
} and Sisters. Church
} Canterbury June 4

Descending Dew

Lo the dews of the morning do
gently descend Gods glory
does shine all around a
band of bright Angels his
chosen attend On their
trumpets sweet praises
they sound Come join ye
with them in song of sweet
mirth Rejoice that you're

traveling along Youre leaving
the sorrows of this troubled earth
To rest in a mansion of love.

Mothers Kiss.

I'll wipe my lips in love
And give a simple kiss
My children says mother
Do you often think of this
Now tis done but in spirit
The time soon will come
When we shall kiss together
In blest Eternity. From

Canterbury.

Hark the trumpet now is
sounding tis the Lord that
speaks his word Oft his mercy
was abounding Now he
draws his glistening sword
To the nations he is calling
While loud thunder rolls
around Kings and
priests and Kingdoms
falling How can sinners
stand their ground

While his judgements
they are feeling little band
move on in peace Tho
the Kingdoms are all

reeling Zion's glory shall
increase While earth is filled
with weeping Joy and
quietness abound Tho
the storms are round us
sweeping We are safe on
Zion's ground.

Strengthen strengthen stren-
gthen ye one another in
the Lord All who will lend
a hand to strengthen I will
clothe them with my
holy power I will lead
them in pleasant vallies
and my blessing on them

showed.

and handsome

Go it while Young

The time has come for every one To be alive and moving To lay aside their lust and pride And in the gift improving So I will strive to be alive And in the work progressing The Ancients say this is the way To heavenward I'll be pressing.

No Bliss like This.

Move on go together in the spirit meek and low There is strength forever Here the crystal waters flow Children of this earth can never taste of the bliss we feel joined with the hosts of heaven now while we bend and reel.

By flowing streams says Mother I'll lead my chosen few I'll bless them with the gifts of God they are forever new O yea says Mother my blessing shall flow on my dear

Hark!! to the Sound

Hark! hark! O dont you hear
The shrill trumpet sounding
so loudly O ho ho ho ho ho
Tis the voice of the Saviour
so lovely He's calling
all souls to bow low
and repent, He's calling
all souls to be lowly,
He's calling all souls
to prepare to meet their
God so pure and holy.

Polly Lewis

A Heartfelt Desire

May I ever be united
With this little happy band.
Who are marching unto
Zion All in union heart
and hand. Bearing one another's
burden, Mentual condescention
reigns. While we move in
heavenly order On mount
Zions blissful plains.

Watch as well as Pray.

Come Brethren and Sisters
let us arise Put on the
robe of richest prize That
we may join that heavenly
throng Which leads us on

our journey home For Mother did say this is the way For every soul to watch and pray Be on your guard both night and day To overcome all evil.

Glorious City of Peace.

To the city of peace we are all marching on to dwell when time is no more No tongue can unfold the bright glory which is laid up for the faithful soul.

Enfield. N. H.

Watch and Pray.

O my people gently tread.
Fearfully walk before Me your
God Slight not Me nor my
holy way But without
ceasing watch and pray
Let not satan blind your
eyes Nor cause you my holy
power to despise O my people
again I say Watch and
pray watch and pray.

An Interview with Heaven.

Away from cares away from mirth
my soul would fain retire
To talk with heaven and know
her worth Her beauties too

admire O heaven heaven happy home What bliss I find in thee From Holy Ground I'll never roam For joys on land or sea.

Help me to sense O Lord I pray The day in which I live O strengthen me from day to day Thy love and thy blessing give O grant thy saving power in the soul trying hour And establish my feet on the rock That when tempests round me roll Safe in Mother peaceful

fold I may dwell with her
little flock

By flowing streams says
Mother I'll lead my chosen
few I'll bless them with the
gifts of God they are forever new
O yea says Mother my blessing
shall flow on my dear
[illegible] children whore
humble and low

Let us thank our Heavenly
Father Who protect us night
and day From the wily
shafts of evil In this selfdenying

way O my Holy Heavenly
Father I do love thy holy
way It doth yield me
peace and comfort
And thy precepts I'll obey.

Behold this little valiant
band Pressing for the
kingdom With swords of
light in their hands
They're filled with life and
freedom No earthly treasure
can with their riches
compare See their crowns
of shining g How beautiful
they are.

Lovely souls in sweet union
Come and join our pleasant
band They are traveling in
communion To the blessed
promised land Here them
singing see them dancing
Praising God with
life and zeal, In this way
they are advancing O
what love and joy they feel.

The gospel trump is sounding
The dead shall awake
The Islands and the
mountains And vallies
all shall quake The graves

shall yield their dead
They shall rise in the
Lord The solemn sounding
trump Shall reecho
far abroad.

Mother Anns Promise
Oer the billows of time I will
walk with you I will guide
you oer the sea of danger
And thro the night of darkness
I will be your light O my
beloved children says Mother
And my hand of rich
blessing I will stretch forth
over the honest hearted
The meek and the lowly the

upright and pure Shall share
of my love love says Mother.

From my never ending store
of heavenly love I pour upon
love comfort and peace Which
will ever increase And be
forever new Tis that balsam
which heal when affliction you
feel rolling oer Tis that which
I have gained And by the cross
obtained and this upon you
will I pour.

The work of God is lowering
lowering No exalting not at all
The higher up the sinner does
rise The lower it has got to
fall Then I'll come down
another step further step
step down another step down
For safety lies in getting down
The danger is in climing

No gold or silver looks so fair
As youthful minds engaged
In treasurring up the gifts
of God And traveling from
their loss It is to them I will
extend the choicest of my
care I'll encircle them with
my golden chain And from
me they shall not fall.

A Sure Promise.

I've promised to walk with
the lowly in spirit To bring
the pure soul near to me
To comfort the mourner
and strengthen the feeble
And you shall the
fulfillment see

And sure as Ive promised
so I will fulfill it
From God have I power
and might My dear
faithful children shall
not be forsaken For
they are my joy and
delight.

I rejoice in the cross of true
selfdenial Lasting joys
to my soul it doth bring
I am bound heavenward
and I'll bear every trial
That I meet on my way
and with triumph
I'll sing O pleasing

that O happy reflection
Theres no God I serve but
the God of my protection
Yea I'll worship him with
pleasure in him I do
confide I love his purify-
ing work With his way
I'm satisfied.

Arise all ye faithful ye
children of light And sweep
sweep and cleanse from
the stains of sin No peace
to this house saith the
Lord shall remain No
peace to the wicked therein

No peace to the righteous
untill by my power
Ye cleanse from her walls
pollution and sin.

I've come beloved children
I've come to set you free
I've come to bring you love
And true simplicity
If this you will
receive From me your
loving friend. Good Elder
Ebenezer It is you may
depend.

Cast your bread upon the waters On the swelling waves that roll And the ebbing flowing tide Which Wisdom doth control
And after many days
It will return again to you With blessings new an hundred fold from the Eternal two.

Fearless stand the raging billows O ye little chosen few Lean upon Gods holy power.
This will safely bear you thro Altho darkning clouds

surround you Trust in God
on him rely In each dark
and trying hour To such
souls he will be nigh.

Come on Brethren here we go
pretty love and union here
does flow Come on Sisters
heres the way good little
children love to play
Mother beholds us with
delight and says to her
children this is right
Play and be simple now
you may love one another
night and day.

Come lovely children march
along untill you reach
the fountain The Lord your
God will meet you there
upon his holy mountain
Sweet breezes there does gently
flow the Savior now is
reigning In this pure air
we'll freely go pure love we'll
be maintaining.

O how I love this ~~cheering~~ living
way Where peace doth spread
its cheering say And like the
brilliant Orb of day The truth
of heaven is shining Where
souls in union daily meet

Their vows and offerings to repeat Pure love makes their communion sweet Tis like the dew of Hermon. D. H.
Canaan.

Living. Pool.

Come to the pool of living waters Come ye lame ye halt and blind Drink and bathe in the living fountain Which will heal the troubled mind. Then on the wings of purest union We may soar to the heavens above There to unite with kindred spirits Who

are crowned with heavenly love. Hancock.

1850.

Escape for your Life.

The Angels of God now crieth in mercy Look not behind you nor tarry in the plain Escape for thy life to the heights of the mountain Look not behind the lest thou be consumed

Awake awake O ye sleepers in Zion Awake and prepare for the judgements of God For God will search Zion as with a lighted candle And none

can escape the two edged sword.

We're going to that happy land. Where saints in glory sing We're going to that happy land Where reigns our heavenly King We're going to that happy land. Where saints and Angels be We're going to that glorious land. Where Lord will reign with thee

How lovely how precious the soul is to me, Who stands like a rock unshaken and strong, When scenes of affliction roll on roll on Their glory in heaven no mortal can know, Their comfort and joy can never be told.

The Happy Day.

O time roll on roll on roll on that happy day When righteousness shall reign And all seek their neighbors gain, And all selfishness is blown far away.

Love love love O what pretty love Father loves me Mother loves me I love you and we love one another O what pretty love O what good pure love
Love love love who will have some love Dont go scanty here is plenty all are welcome gather freely O what heavenly love O what good pure love.

Intercession.

O heavenly Father with wisdom do crown me Do guide and protect

me by night and by day
O help me when dangerous
storms do surround me
And keep me increasing
in thy holy way Support
me in sorrow and deep
tribulation And troubles
in torrents upon me do
roll I'll give up my life
and my all for salvation
O then with thy blessing
do comfort my soul.

Rod of Affliction.

Thy rod of affliction O God I will bless Yea I'll praise thee forever for thy righteousness
Only let me be numbered with thy chosen few
And I'll pass thro' all suffering and count it my due.

The Gospel of Salvation

What is this that is eternal
What is this that brings new life What is this that is celestial, Brings new joy and ends all

strife Tis the gospel of salvation It will save the soul from sin Bring us into one relation Cleanse the soul from every stain

The Love of the Gospel.

Here's my home and here's my relation Here I'll bear all tribulation tho' crosses and trials like torrents do roll roll roll The love of gospel shall fill my soul Fill my soul the love of the gospel shall fill my soul Here's my all and here's my heaven Here I'll sing Eternal

thanksgiving Tho' scenes
of affliction like torrents
do roll roll roll The
love of the gospel shall
fill my soul Fill my
soul the love of the
gospel shall fill my
soul.

The Beautiful Valley.

O come come down to the
beautiful valley And
gather these fruits which
grow here so lovely
Here's patience and meek-
ness and humility And
Brotherly kindness and

sweet charity Then come my
O come down where the
pure waters flow And
heavenly fruits in abun-
dence do grow For all my
here gather and eat if they
will Yea bathe in these
waters and drink to their
fill.

Comforting Promise.

I will gather the faithful
under my wings And
clothe them with blessings
from on high There with
the arm of my power
I will lead them

And with the hand
of my love I will
feed them Yea I will
make them to glow
with everlasting beauty
And their brightness
shall shine to the end
of the earth.

Who is Needy.

Who is hungry who is needy
Who wants to feed with
in Blessed Mothers
children so lovely Who
with food are daily
blest We will mix it
well together And will

feed feed each other O I love it yea I do. Is it not so with you.

Serious Meditation.

With serious tho'ts my mind is filled While viewing Gods creation Each tree and plant each little rill Fills me with meditation O Great Jehovah was it thou Who formed those lofty mountains If so ye Oaks and Cedars bow Roll on ye brooks and fountains.

A life of selfdenial against the carnal mind is the greatest treasure that mortal man can find. I will guide us through all dangers until we reach that shore where afflictions and temptations can reach us never more.

I'll have a part in every gift Even to a motion I'll never turn aside and say It is some foolish notion But I'll unite in heart and hand

This is true devotion Tho
I should wade through
waters deep, or ford the
foaming Ocean

Come come to my fountain
Ye lovely relation The
streams are all flowing
With life and salvation
The rivers are full And
the streams running oer
Come drink all ye thirsty
and famish no more

New Exploring Expedition

In the bower of peace
By the fountain of love
Our spirits shall meet
To be parted no more
With the Angelic host
In the regions of bliss
The heavens of heavens
With joy we'll explore.
Happy day happy hour
Blessed work blessed power
Thats preparing our souls
For this beautiful bower
Where we ever rejoice
And sing songs of sweet mirth
And dwell with the saints

Who're redeemed from the earth.

How Beautiful.

O how beautiful and lovely
Are the followers of the Lamb
They have passed thro' tribulation
Washed their robes & made them
clean These are the virgins
that were wise Their lamps
are trimmed and burning
They have gained this
heavenly prize Of life
Eternal.

A Clearing Up.

Pure love like evening dews
descend Sweeter than the

nectar fine Tis a treasure
that will spend And
cheer us on through time
Dark clouds are fast dis
pelling And light is
shining through Times
waves are gently swelling
And we'll bid this world
adieu.

Second Family
New Lebanon
Columbia County
N. Y.

Land of Rest.

Through the fields of
tribulation I behold
the land of rest Where

the faithful overcomes Dwells
in peace and quietness
And I hear the gentle
whisper Pleasant voice
of Mother's ~~Ann~~ Love Saying
come on my dear children
Soon we'll meet in realms
above.

Second Orders
New Lebanon
Columbia County
New York

The Supplicant

O Mother do not leave me
d e d | e e d c c

When troubles round me roll
c g g | a c c |

Be thou to me an anchor
g a# g a a e d e

O help my needy soul
e d c a e e ||

While in my silent hours
g a a | a g a g g

Where calm reflection dwell
g e d | e g g |

If I can feel thy power
g a g | a a e d e

Then all with me is well.
e d c a c c

A Rich Treasure

O my dear friends give me your love,
F d/ c d. e d/ g d e

Your love it is my treasure,
g/ c c b a/ g. g

'Twill help me on 'twill bear me up
e/ g d e e/ f e d

When trials do surround me
d/ e e d e/ e c

For I have started on my way
d/ b a g g/ g g g

Towards the holy City
d e f e d/ e g

O my dear friends give me a crumb
g/ ga c c c/ b g g

And you will never miss it
g/ e e d e/ c c

Battle Ax

Sound the alarm 'tis time for war
g g g | g e f f f

Ye valiant souls who the flesh abhor
c c c | c c e d d | d

Break your bands make no delay
g e | c a g | f

And put your pinking lust away
e d c | d e f e d c

Those who carnally disdain
g e | d d e c d

To sound forth the truth quite plain
c c | c g g g g

Against evil yet shall know
e e | g a d | f

That pride and lust to heaven can't go
f e e | e e d d c

A Fountain Never dry

Pure Gospel union Pure gospel
c e a | a a | g g e |
love is flowing to the faithful
e a a b | c a g | e
From Zions fount above May
c c a | g a c e || g
I drink at this pure fountain
a d d c g a g |
It is never never dry May
g a c c | c c d | c
I drink and of its waters
e l a | g l e g |
Gain an endless supply.
l e d | e c c

Tho' waves of sorrow Often do
roll Yet for the true and faithful
There is an hundred fold
They inherit life eternal
In the world that is to come
They'll be met with shouts of
welcome saying thou hast well done.

Second Family. [illegible]

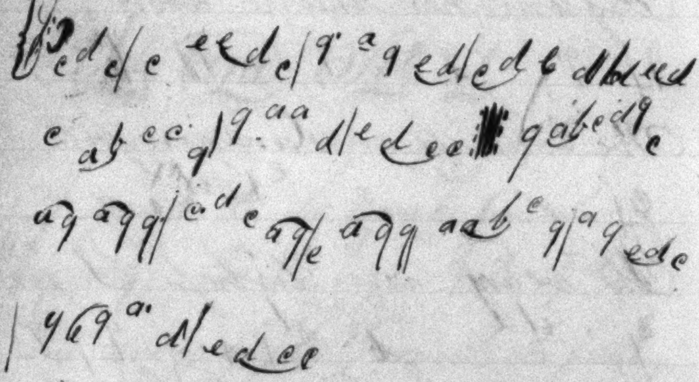
Up and At it

I want to be awake and alive
g g f | e d e | d e d
in every gift I want to feel my
e | d e b | g g f g f
soul with the power of God refreshed
e | e e a f a f g

Comforting Remberance

Behold me saith the Angel of
holy truth and Love; I'm
clothed with Holy Wisdom
I'm from her throne above
I've come to cheer and comfort
the weary worn distress To give
them of he blessing Her comfort
peace and rest

And saith the voice of Wisdom
My children watch and pray
Lest you in times of trials
By careless steps do stray
Not one shall be forgotten
But with a watchful eye
Cryeth holy holy wisdom
Your wants All well supply



Windows of Heaven

Holy beings blessed feelings

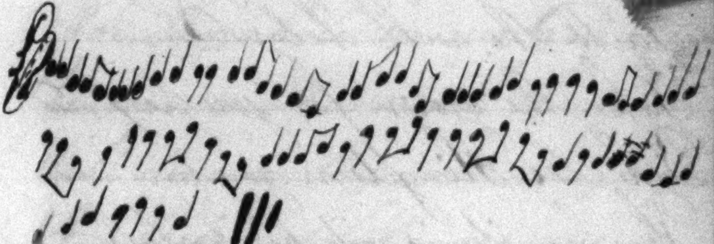
O what pure unclouded light
Burs upon the soul in raptures
When we gain the heavenly sight
See the bright Angelic Order
Tune their golden harps with joy
Hark enraptures to the number
Which redeemed souls enjoy

Bright as jasper and their faces
With effulgent glory shines
Were the pure Angelic graces
Sweet harmony combine
Now they march in heavenly order
Round the living throne of God
Now the strains both sweet and louder
Reach thro' heavens bright abode

O my soul join with this number
Travel thro' the vale of time
Never let thy eyelids slumber
Keep thy sight on things divine
Eternity on time does border
Soon we'll reach that blissful shore
Where the streams both deep and broad
Flow and flow forever more

Hear the sound ye dead and sleeping
Who are laying in your graves
Turn to him with sighs and weeping
Who in mercy ever saves.
See the countless hosts of beings
Once that were in darkness bound
Now returning home to Zion
In white robes of glory crowned

Now in deep humiliation
See them bow before the throne
And in thanks and love to Mother
Sing the Song before unknown
Swelling sounds of pure salvation
Like a gentle flowing stream
Spread abroad thro' all creation
All who will may now be[illegible]



Childrens Blessing

How I prize my lovely treasure
Sent from Zions spotless dove

Now I realize with pleasure
Precious Mother Lucy's love
Heiress of the heavenly graces
Glorified with Christ above
Joined in mother Anns embraces
Clothed with beauty and with love

Come thou blessed of my Father
Saith the well belove Son
Take the crown for you prepared
Take the Kingdom you have won
Heaven opens wide her portals
To receive the heavenly guest
Now she wears a crown immortal
With the first born heirs of rest

Mothers chaste and holy spirit

Sets upon the Fathers throne
Life eternal to inherit
That her virtuous life hath won
Well done good and faithful Mother
Now receive thy just reward
In the kingdom with thy Saviour
Reap the glory with thy Lord.

Now thy children rise and bless thee
Unborn millions will thee praise
With loud anthymns they'll address thee
And their grateful voices raise
While they imitate thy virtues
While thy wisdom they extoll
They will bless the name of Mother
Who prepared the way for all

Zions ~~fortress~~ thou hast strengthen
And her wall hast fortified
Every cord thy hand hath lengthen
And adorned her like a bride
Thou hast beautified her tower
Thou hast set her gates with pearl
Thou hast gave her strength & power
Every banner to unfurl

Beauty reigns all round her borders
Where thy lovely feet have trod
Truth and justice peace and order
In the sovereign gift of God
Lord let Mother's love be graven
On the table of our hearts
Seal us with the hand of heaven
Never let thy love depart

Divine Mercy

Lo!, lo!! the hand of the Lord
is now streched forth towards the
children of men; O raise a shout
of joy and thanksgiving all ye
children of Zion, For his
mercy is unbounded and his
loving kindness great!! Yea yea
saith the Lord of hosts, my
promis shall not fail, but
I will hear the humble soul
that cryeth to me, unto the
contrite heart, will I show mercy
And to the poor in spirit
will I lend a listening ear
And my holy chosen people

shall be the glory of the earth
11: I will adorn thee O thou Zion
of my likeness, with that brightness
which shall cause all nations to
fear and tremble before thee, and
bow and confess the Lord Almighty
dwelleth in thee O thou most
holy city!! But hearken O
hearken bye my beloved, for
tho the day cometh when my
vengeance shall be upon the
wicked and the enemy shall
arise in great fury against thee
fear ye not for I will ~~stretch~~ directly
forth my mighty hand and
stay their furious wrath, they
shall in no wise prosper against

my ho ho holy chosen
V: For I am Lord of heaven and
earth and above all powers is
mine and above all glory is and
shall be that of the work of my
hand

Call of God to Zion

Hearken O hearken, inhabitants
of Zion while I sound forth the
words of a just and holy God.
V: Why O my people why will ye
slumber, why will ye sleep, when
a loudly trumpet is sounding
thro the land? O my Zion
my Zion a well filled cup for you

you is preparing a bitter cup indeed
for you is nearly filled. Altho ye
may say that my work now is
ended, my word has passed away
and I visit my Zion nomore;
But alas! you're mistaken yea
mistaken you be, the work of my
hand you just begin to see, the
the sound of my voice you just
begin to hear, And soon you
will know of a truth I am near.
Again and again I will pass &
repass thro my Zion here below,
I will call and I'll call, I will
sound and I'll sound, and the
sound of my sounding shall
echo and roll, roll, roll, o'er

Yea I will call and I'll call
I will sound and I'll sound
till my voice like the sound
of troubled waters or of deep rolling
thunder shall reache thro' thy
courts and be heard in thy temple
O Jerusalem! This this is the
words of a just and holy God &
this I was sent to declare unto
you O inhabitants of Zion

Zion shall be Pure.

How dissatisfaction will roll through
the mind Of those that are
lovers of sin Pure happiness

Never for them was desired
Their judgment at length
must roll in
How long shall the wicked
abide with the just O
heaven how long shall it be
Shall Zion like Isreal
with Achan be cursed
And never be wholly made free

Shall those who continue to do their own will
And give their profession a lie
Go on a lost nature of lust to fulfill
And all righteous counsil defy
Shall those vile offenders continue secure
Ny The day is advancing along
Ny To try who is honest enough to endure
The work of a glorified throng

By laws in Mount Zion the wicked must flee
To some other region or place
For they and the righteous can never agree
While running the true gospel race
As chaff from the fan from the wheat must be blown
So wickness all must depart
Before the time God or his Christ they have known
Who dwell in a sin hating heart

But those who are loyal to Zions great King
For their independence must stand
A soul undefiled a conscience that's clean
Will ornament heavens pure band
Then lift up your heads ye afflicted saints
The order of God is my shield
So in the pure order of Zion I'll stay
To no other order I'll yield.

My consience shall witness I never will stray
My bretheren and sisters shall know
That I am determined to keep in way
For where or to whom shall I go
In Zion are treasures which flow in rich streams
Her union and purity rise
Then why should I harken to satans base dreams
Which are but deceptions and lies

The world is a scene of deception and woe
And all its amusements are vain
Then why should we stoop to enjoyments so low
Which end in affliction and pain
The way to Mount Zion is certain & sure
Tis guarded by Angels with care
And those who are faithful to keep themselves pure
Will find an inheritance there

down in the valley Sweet comfort

b a g g g e d e c

you there shall find

e b a g a

cccccc cc

g cc g ccc d c c g

Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write,
His word or two and then comes night.
Tho thou have time, but for a line,
Be that sublime. Not failure,
But low aim is crime. J. R. Lowell.

Our Saviour's Words.

No 4 O ye my beloved ones, ye whom
I delight to behold. Lo! I have
indeed come again unto you clad
in a beautiful garment
yea a white robe of my Mother's
preparing. O ye my beloved behold
me once more and hearken unto
my void. For I am your Ushfarian

and Rabbi, your blessed Lord and

Master, Even he who has so long

walked with you in sorrow

doubleing on earth and suffered

with you while in time But Lo!

Lo! My Father hath called me &

I must go. My Mother saith, come

O come! my well beloved Son, for

Lo thy work in earth is done. So my

beloved
Elder

Little ones, I'm called to part with

g g e g e | g f e d |

you Yea, tho' I go I leave you not

c d | c g g | d e a | c

alone. My lovely little few

e c | d e e | d d . c ‖

And tho' ye see me not yet my

e g g | g e c | e e

promises are true. The comforter of

c e | d c g e | c c c | g

your souls I will send unto you

g g | d e g | e d c ‖ c

Forsake ye not the path I've paved

‖ e c d e g | a b c |

and led you thro'. Forget ye not

b a d | g g c c | d

the word Which I have given you.

e g | g e e | d d c

Then to my heavenly Father.
e | g g e d g | a b c

I fervently will pray, that Heaven
b | a d d g f c b | a d

may protect you, This does your
g a | g g | e a |

Savior say, Fear not to testify
e d f e # g a c c c | c c d

of me, Your blessed Lord and
d | d c b a | a g

Savior, Your holy call each one
a | a g a b | a g g

fulfill, And fear not earthly
c | c c e e | e d

power c d e c d c a a g g a c c f a

c c

g g c c c g g f e d e c c

So farewell my little few
a a c # c d c A # d d e c e

f a r e we well till again
a e f a d # e c d d e e a

I meet with you For lo! I go
e d d e c a a e a

and I came not again So
c e a a a a c

peace be unto you Amen & Amen
c a a a a d b d e d

This song was sung by our Savior to his Deciples on the eve of his departure. And was again sung by Mother Ann to her Instrument.

Jehovah's Promise, to his people

How beautiful art thou clothed

d d d | a a

O thou holy One of Isreal

a g e d e b | a a |

In majesty shall thou appear

d e g | g g a b d g a

altho thine enemies rise

a | a e d | p p |

up to oppress thee then will

d d d | p a

I in my wisdom defend thee

b | p e d c | a a

For thou art a Church planted

a a g a b d

by the holy Anointed in Heaven

e e | p e e d | b b a g | a

Ay

The day star hath arisen

d|| i a || e — | g || a

the morning begins to dawn

ga a a g e d | a

and soon will thy light shine

a | e e e d g ||

forth as the sun at noonday

a b d || a e a | a d

Prepare prepare thyself O thou

a || c a || a a g |

a Church of the most high

e e g a b a |

For for unto you is given

a a | a e d c | b a

a sign of many things that

b c d | e e e c

shall come Be ye comforte

a a | c b a ag | a

be ye comforted my people
a' g | a d c | a g a' |

for I will protect you be ye
f' g a c s f' è

comforted for I will protect you
d d | s c a d || c b a | a a' ||

Words of the Savior.

I am the holy Son of God
e e d | e e d c|| a

and in the brightness of my
e —d | q || q|| c e

Father I am clothed yea and
|| d d|| || d c|| a c| | e

I have taken my stand upon
d c|| q q —q || c e|| c

the top of Mount Zion
e | q || q || a k c | a

to proclaim to the children
c a | q q | e e

of men the salvation of God
e | e c e d| d d c| a

I will sound sound to the four
c e | q || e c —d e c |

wind, I will sound again & again
till the time of this generation is
passed by and the word of the
Lord fulfilled So go ye Gye
winds unto every land make
a dreadful noise in every kingdo
that the dead may awake for
the Lord doth sit in judgment
And he hath come upon earth

whose footsteps are like unto

q || a a e | q|| a q|

a terrible earthquake and whose

q e c d || a e |

breath drieth up many waters

q|| e | || q|| e c d | a

Therefore praise ye the Lord

i|| | pe | F|| # c Le|| a

O Earth Praise ye the Lord

ef | q|| a # d Le | a

For he will do a great

e q a | q c d

work in thee.

e Nc # a

Zion upon Earth

O Zion thou beautiful City

The glory of the earth A bright

and shining light in whom

I have plac'd my name

forevere more to stand saith

Jehovah Low low hoo haw haw

And on thee a blessing forever

shall rest. Lerolll con fenum

Vane te vénnum vao and

a a | d t a a || a t ||

kindreds and nations shall

c t a e d e ||

know that ye are my vole

a || a . à a e || Le

van vole van va. My holy

d c a c | d | d | d d |

ho ly people

a | d e d e | d d

And out of thee will I send

|| a | c a c c d | e

forth messengers to sound

q | d | a a || a

sound sound my trumpet

| a | a d e e

in the ears of all Nations ||

e a || t t a a a

And proclaim salvation
is free for all who are willing their
crosses to bear ó kene voo ve ane vi
van sel voo vas te ne voo te ne van nah
that rest on the holy lyannointed
And says blessed Mother they
never never never shall fail
ka van sa na va And the holy
Angels in heaven are re jo i c

ing re joicing
d x| e e| edcd e d cd| x e
And sounding & sounding
e| cb| a cd| x | e
sweet praises to God to
a| ie| d || x cb||
Christ and to Mother
a i| e cb| a a|||:
for the ho ly for
|| a d| cb ab c a a a
the ho ly for the
a| cdd e d| x e| e i|
ho ly Van sel la
a g a b a g a a| e c b
van va
c a|| a |||a

Arise my soul re-
joice in the holy work
of God a voice has
now gone forth to raign
over evil. Yea I will
be valient yea I will
be strong in Mothers
purifying gosple I will
move on East Family 1852

By

The wheel of redemption
shal roll this the earth
And Zion shall be clothed
with heavenly joy and
mirth

Her walls shall be
strengthend against the
enemy And the voice of
the reedeemer will set
souls free
The Savior is our captain
we've nothing to fear
We will boldly persui
our course heavenward
The waters of salvation
are flowing clear O come
come and baithe there
is safety hear Hear are
my dear relation
no other do I claim
And with you I friends
You ever will remain

No carnal vain en-
joyments shall draw
my soul away To
seek for worldly pleasure
It's charms will all decay

Lift up your voices ye
children of Zion and
sound forth the goodness
of your God Praise belong-
eth unto him praise
belongeth unto him
for his loveing kindness
is great and his mercy
endureth forever Shout
aloud shout aloud raise
and en sign of peace

and the banner of
freedom wave Cor Christ
has come in his glory to
rayn forever more Cor

Press on press on my
children the enemy you
ned not fear be valient
arm your selves and go
and conker every evil foe
Chorus

Arise ye virgins trim
your lamps go forth to
meet the bridegroom
For lo! the feast is now
prepared on this holy
mountain
In wedding garments
be ye clad All filled with
life and freedom And
in the resurrection
stand as children of
the kingdom.

How lovely the path that leads from sin, when we are faithful to walk there-in, O the beautiful cross I do love to bare it, O the beautiful crown I shall love to ware it. 1854.

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How lovely the path that lead from sin when we are faithful to walk therin

O the beautiful cross

A Words of the Roll

Fear, fear ye me saith the Lord you God, for my arm is all powerful, and above Me there is none. And I will guard and protect mine heritage, yea all my chosen people, saith

Rey

How many saith Wisdom will fall on the rock and be broken And prove faithful soldiers for me Yea many I call for my band must be strong to fight the enemy and gain the victory.

Here The vine and the myrtle
shall spread grow the rose
and lilly in beauty shall
bloom. For I saith
Wisdom have spoken to
you I will truly bless
Mount Zion Yea those
who have faithfully
stood for my cause And
have obeyed my holy laws
I will crown them as kings
and priests to me In the man
sions of bright glory. ~
Second Family Canterbury
September 26th 1854

Zion Light

O Zion where are yea sleeping while soul in heaven are weeping for the light God is shineing and

Come on ye blessed to my holy kingdom Dont be Oppressed By the unbliev ing Faint not by the way The Lord will be your Stay. From the West. 1853.

Were marching on to the promis'd land. With palms of victory in our hands.

I'm bound for that happy land Where sorrows are no more

Fearlessly ye lovely band
Move towards the promised land,
And like valiant soldiers stand,
Conquering every evil —
Trust in the Lord He will defend
All those who on His power depend,
He'll be their guide & constant friend
In every hour of trial.

The Pow of God.

The power of God I want to gain
I love to feel it roll. It will refresh
the weary fram. And raise the
drooping soul. I will break away
the bands of death.
And set our spirits free.
I will wean us from things of earth.
Come holy power to me.

The Blessed Cross.

I will ever bear the blessed cross.
And I will gain a crown
Which is surely is of greater. Stand all
this worlds renown.

Zions Lovely Bower.

In zions lovely bower

Where the tree of life is blooming
And crystials fountains flow
We'll be marching in love
My travel shall be downward
Till I reach this lovely vale
My progress shall be onward
Where on streams of love I'll sail.

The Good Physician.

Here is found the good physician
Binding up the wounded soul
With the golden chords of love
Causing them to be made whole
With the oil & wine of gladness
Anointing them each day
Dispersing gloom & sadness
That would rob their peace away

North Family

A. Blessing

O Merciful Father Once more do draw near Draw near to thy children for their Comfort appear. O bless them Heavenly Father. With thy spirit of truth. Lord send forth a blessing On the aged and youth. –

Comforting Promise.

See Zion increasing in order & beauty Her inmates adorned with strength From on high. The heavens are opening The Dove hath decended. the comforting spirit in love draweth nigh O Zion arise and proclaim thy redemption. For he who hath led thee is able and strong. It is thy good Shepard with care he will

Feed feed thee And to verdant
pastures he'll lead thee along.

March 5th 1855. Second Family

Deep Flowing Fountain.

From the flowing fountain
Of Eternal goodness. My people
Shall drink saith the Great I
Am. They shall share in my
glory. Be clothed with my
power. And stand on Mount
Zion with the Heavenly Lamb
How great & how glorious the
work of my chosen. Who truly
devote all their talents to me.
I will be their true God. They
shall dwell in my kingdom.
And stand before my Throne
in victory.

Praise The Lord.

I will praise the Lord With my whole heart and voice For his mercy his goodness to me In his way I'll rejoice. For his charity & love. Its extensive unbounded & free.

The Faithful at Home.

Emme

Sing praise the joyful hour has co Zions faithful labourers have all returned home. With their swords keen and bright, O how lovely is the sight, It is heaven here this night.

Alter Of Truth.

Here is the alter of truth
The holy anointing power
Placed & sealed by the immortal throng
God has opened a fountain

Wherein souls may bathe
And be washed from the
stains of sin. —

A Beautiful Rewarde.

O come come away. Come
Away from the Earth.
And rejoice with thy Mother
In songs of sweet mirth
Come soar with me to Heaven
Thou well beloved one The Angels
Are singing thy work is well done
And thou shall receive a beautiful reward
Come enter in to the joy of thy Lord.
So come ye bright winged Seraphs
Chant a song of holy praise.

Devotional Praise.

Praise the Lord O my soul
Praise him in devotion

Praise him in the solemn dance
With hands & feet in motion.—

Sure Guide.

I will lead my chosen people
With a tender hand of love
Thro' this vale of grief & sorrow
To the heavenly courts above.

Awake O Zion.

Awake awake O Zion. Arise and stand on high for lo! Thy God has called thee and thy glory groweth nigh, Thy glory it excelleth the Nations all around. And O my lovely Zion. With salvation thou art crowned. How beautiful thy borders. Thy walls are safe & sure, And peace and holy Order. Dwell in my Zion pure, Thy watchmen

They are faithful. To guard
thee day and night And
O my lovely Zion In thee
I take delight.

Here the vine & the myrtle
shall spread & grow the rose
& lilly in beauty shall bloom
For I saith Wisdom have
spoken to you I will truly
bless Mount Zion Yea
those who have faithfully
stood for my cause. And have
obeyed my holy laws. I will
crown them as kings & preasts
to me. In the mansions of bright
glory. Second Family Canterbury
September 26th 1854.

Come on ye blessed to my holy
kingdom. Dont be oppressed by
the unbelieving. Faint not by
the way. The Lord will be your
stay. From the West 1855.

I'm bound for that happy land
Where sorrows are no more
Where faithful souls united stand
Cemented soul to soul
Here there the song of victory
Will sing forever more.
South Family Canterbury

As ye see the verdant forest
Moved by the gentle breeze
Let my people now be bending

praise.
Breathing fourth their makers

mount Zion.
Righteousness shall crown
Peace shall blossom as a rose
valley.
All who walk the the pleasant
Here doth find sweet repose.

O come come away from the vain things of time. O come come with me & behold the purity Of the saints who have washed their robes white and clean And are from pollution wholly redeemed These are mine these are mine. See their garments how they shine And their crowns sparkling bright with joy & delight view them praising

their God and Redeemer For the victory they have gained over sin And shame By bearing the cross of their Saviour.

Prophetic Word.

Let the people be glad
And my chosen rejoice
For lo the time has come
When thousands shall hear
The glad sound of my voice
And Israel be gathered home
I have call'd to the north
I have stretched to the south
My arm that is able to save
I have looked on the east
I have breathed on the west
And I've walked on the stormy wave.
Canterbury New Hampshire

Flee away flee away death death
& bondage That we may worship
God in life and freedom.~

2nd Family Holy Mount
Feb. 4th 1855.

O come renewing life & zeal
O come thou blessed power
Help me on my journey
In every trying hour.~

Loving Parrent.

My children says Mother
I've a treasure for you that
is lasting. I will help you
All seeasons to pass thro.
For those who will seek me
Unto them I will be a kind
loving Parrent & Their sorrows I feel.

February 28th 1855

Thou art Blessed

Blessed art thou O my chosen
Thy works do speak forth praise
Nations shall behold thee And
Call thee blessed. For thou art a
light set upon a hill. Which
Cannot be hid But will
shine abroad. Feby 20th 1855.

Home in Zion.

What a home I have in Zion
And a shelter from the storm
Here I have both food & raiment
For to keep me neat and warm
While many souls are daily wan
-dering. To find a place to rest
their heads. With cold bleak winds
around them howling. And must

Starve for want of Bread –
From the Mind Hery Hancock.

Good bye Sweet [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] faithful [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] affliction [illegible]

[illegible] kind faithful [illegible]

[illegible] bright [illegible]

The affliction [illegible]

Another [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] shall [illegible]

[illegible]

To have Mothers blessing.
I know I must be lowly,
meek & lowly in heart.
If I would be number'd
with her faithful chil-
dren, I know I must
travel in mortification
untill I'm redeemed
from the nature of sin.

Good Incitement

In Zion is my home Where the
true faithful followers of the dodived savior
With such I am sailing o'er life's foaming
ocean where storms cannot reach me
in the mansions of peace

By bearing the cross that our Savior
has borne We shall gain a bright crown
Through afflictions may meet us
If we do stand faithful The promise is our
We shall gain a bright crown
Tho afflictions may meet us &c

No others can gain our redemption
for us We shall have our reward
If we give up all for Christ sake

and the gospel The prize of Salvation
shall be our reward

Earth's pleasurs are vain Then let
us secure That which will not decay
We all shall recieve the reward of
our doings Othen let us earnestly
labour and pray

We all may be wise and secure
lasting treasures While time passing on
Then let us be cheerful While passing
thro trials And be rightful heirs
to a heavenly crown

Delightful Journey

O my lovely dear relation
I am going home with you
Unto earth with all its pleasures
I can bid a long adieu
Fields of glory lie before me
O for which I toil with care
Holy Angels bright and shining
Help me speed my journey there

I am bound for heavens portals
O that blessed delightful shore
Yet I am sailing o'er times ocean
Just as thousands have before
Guardian spirits lend your influence
While a pilgrim I sojourn
Shining seraphs bear my spirit
To my blessed eternal home

O my brethren and my Sisters
You are near unto my soul
Never can your union fail me
While unnumbered ages roll
Both in sorrow and rejoicing
I with you will have part
O my lovely gospel kindred
Unto you I give my heart

Nothing can our union sever
It is stronger e'en than death
Yea I'll claim it as my treasure
Claim it to the latest breath
Now my heaven is completing
I can join it here in time
While with Saints I journey onward
What celestial joys are mine

Earthly charms are few and fading
They cannot deceive my soul
That love which is enduring
I am bound to gain the whole
Grant kind heaven that I ever
May this heavenly gem possess
Which does lead to realms of glory
Where the weary are at rest

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Golden Chain

By the golden chain of union
By the tender cord of love
Zion children are progressing
Fed by angels from above
Here on earth they're bound together
Nourished by a heavenly guide
Ever present ever ready
To protect when ills betide

These are they who have been grafted
In the true and living vine
And as green and living branches
Shed forth peace and love divine
Tender plants may here be gathered
From the raging stormes that blow
Choice and precious seeds may flourish
And in perfect beauty grow

Ever with this chosen number
May my spirit wing its way
Onward upward to the regions
Of an everlasting day
Great the privilege that is granted
High and holy is the call
Blessed Saviour on thy altar
I resign my little all

Watered by the dews of heaven
Oft refreshed by gentle showers
Angels visitants attending
And bestowing saving power
Pure and holy their devotion
Band of virgins firm and strong
Grounded on the rock of ages
Triumphing over all wrong.

In the gospel cause be zealous
Working diligent to gain
Power and victory over nature
And a crown of life obtain
This shall be my constant labour
While upon this mortal shore
This shall constitute my heaven
Ever and forever more

God My Dependance

Lord I pray in mercy hear me
For to thee I humbly cry
Let thy Angels gather near me
And my daily wants supply
O thou merciful protector
All the comfort of the just
Be my constant kind director
For in thee alone I trust.

What this world but vain delusion
Showing oft its colors gay
Certain sorrow and confusion
In the final bear the sway
I can covet nothing earthly
O my God in mercy give
Unto me thy blessing holy
While upon this earth I live

What can satisfy my spirit
And support my weary soul
Save the prize I must inherit
Or to ruin give up all
Earth with all its boasted pleasures
Fading charms that do annoy
Never can bring those lasting treasures
Which my spirit would enjoy

But the blessing of thy kingdom
Lord most freely do impart
Let the cords of gospel union
Bind thy goodness to my heart
May this holy searching fire
Cleanse and purify within
Purge out every base desire
Hinding me the prize to win

Yea I long for perfect heaven
My immortal soul to cheer
When will this to me be given
Free from each oppressive fear
When the cross is all my pleasure
Every inward foe subdued
Then will come that heavenly treasure
Happiness the greatest good

Help me on O righteous Farther
Angel like my heart refrain
So that nothing I would rather
Do than glorify thy name
Be I pray thee my attendance
For my work is but begun
Just Creator my dependance
Not my will but thine be done Grove

Celestial Fountain

Is there not a flowing fountain
Fill with every thing thats good
Here on Zions holy mountain
We can find celestial food
Let us eat and drink most freely
For this food is Angels fare
It will fill our souls completely
Let us labour for a share

Let us labour for more wisdom
And for power to overcome
Cleanse our souls from every evil
Make our blessed Saviour room
Let us practice every virtue
Every gift of God improve
O for living faith and patience

And the pearl of perfect love.

Let us labour to be thankful
For the gospel we received
Stand unshaken firm and faithful
And in true subjection
Let us keep our feet from straying
Let us keep the narrow way
Never never be delaying
But be diligent each day

Let us keep our union sacred
Keep our garment clean and white
Let us walk in Mothers footsteps
Watch and pray both day and night
Fervent in the spirit waiting
For our everlasting rock

Every day some progress makes
With the pure angelic flock.

My Faith

Earth is not my eternal [final] home
Why should its joys invite
My soul to linger long or roam
And loose this gospel light
Worldly ambition O how [once is] vain
Tis never satisfied
I'd rather far this name obtain
My Mothers simple child

Carnal affections lust & pride
Are death ~~unto~~ my [any] soul
No peace nor rest can I abide
While these within I hold

The union of one two or three
So partial will not do
Away all selfish feelings flee
I'll have no more of you.

No outward show will ere effect
That which my soul desires
Discerning eyes will sure detect
When Godly fear inspires.
What others do will not advance
My onward pace at all
Nor shall it eer my spirit launch
In ruins awful fall

Often excited I would be
My journey to renew
My faith I'm not afraid to speak

It is my anchor true
Great charity for all my faults
On me has been bestowed
Tis right that I should exercise
The same toward friend and foe

Chirst Sufferings

When sorrowing in spirit O do we think of one
Whose soul overflowing with anguish
Yet suffered it alone,
For every friend forsook him
In the most trying spot
And they whose love seem'd strongest
Declar'd, we know him not.

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Thus did their friendship wither
And sympathy depart;

While he their Lord & Master
Alone endured the smart,
Bereft of his diciples
Smitten and stricken one
Yet bowed in sweet submission
Could say thy will be done
And 3
And who has every fathomed
Such keenness of distress
Or who has ever taste
The depths of bitterness
Like him who cried in anguish
And sorest agony My God
My God why is it Thou hast forsaken me
11
Remember twas our Saviour
Who drank this bitter cup
And gave up both soul and body

A willing offering up
Whose in pitying accents
For persecutors too
Was heard to say forgive them
They know not what they do.

5

Let us be likewise able
To show forgiving love
With wisdom of the serpent
And meekness of the dove
Thus prove ourselves true members
Of Christ the living root:
Producing in abundance
The blessed gospel fruit

6

Then never fear my Brother
Tho seemingly alone

And grow not sad my Sister
When heavy sorrows come.
Since our dear Saviour suffered
We can endure the rod
And tribulation bring us
Says Mother near to God

Celestial Fountain

Come good Angels gather round us
While with grateful hearts we sing
Heavenly blessings do surround us
Praise and bless our glorious king
Here his hand the vine hath planted
Lo 'the branches spread and grow
Joys of heaven to us are granted
Here celestial fountains flow

Here we gain divine protection
All the powers of earth defeat
Here no sinful vile affection
E'er can stain the golden street
Here the light of heaven is shining
Clear as the meridian day
Golden cords of love entwining
Every heart that does obey

3

Here is love that cannot fail us
For it binds our souls in one
Tho afflictions may assails us
Still the joyful race we run
For we know the prize is ours
Mothers children will be crowned
Heavenly gifts descend like showers
Sweetly flowing all around.

Praise the Lord with loud thanking
Praise his name with harp and voice
Praise his name among the living
Praise his name rejoice rejoice
Holy Angels giving him glory
Saints with joy resound the same
Soundly singing holy holy
Holy Holy is his name.

Holy and Divine Faith

I have received that holy faith
The vital spark of life
By which my soul must sink or rise
Before it ends the strife
The silent monitor within
Can never never die
Tho I should roam to distant land

From this I could not fly

Then Lord in mercy do draw near
And calm the swelling tide
For lo' the waves of death do foam
And beat on every side
O can this spark of holy faith
My little bark defend
Without a tender Mother's aid
My ever constant friend.

I hear her gentle whispers say
Press on in love press on
By faith pursue the heavenly road
For so the prize is won
Then why should I delay one hour
To increase this precious gem

To labor for that holy power
Which will my soul redeem

Come love and holy quickning power
Do help me on my way
Simplicity come flow around
Thy beauties now display
Tho satan strives with all his might
To turn my soul aside
Yet I will cleave unto my lead
And steadfast will abide
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Gospel Honesty

Of gospel honesty well sing
It is a heavenly theme
A virtue taught by Zion King
And blest by Zion Queen

An honest heart is Gods delight
His temple and his throne
And all the honest he will own
And clothe in robes of heavenly type

Our blessed mother taught this truth
And strongly she enjoined
Upon the aged and the youth
A simple honest mind
This virtue like the heavenly dove
Was precious in her sight
And honest souls were her delight
And always shar'd her precious love

What stronger title can we find
To Zions courts above
Than honesty of heart and mind

The seal of mothers love
True honesty's a precious gem
The brightest jewel known
And we may find in this alone
The true believers diadem

Tis heavens first eternal law
It rules the worlds above
And from this source the Angels draw
Their stores of heavenly love
It is the true believers guide
The compass of the soul
It points out every fatal shoal
And shuns the wrecks of lust and pride

True honesty's a faithful friend
It shows us what is right
And teaches us our lives to mend

And bring our deeds to light
It brings salvation day by day
And yields a rich increase
Of heavenly comfort joy and peace
And takes all slavish fear away.

In Achors valley we are told
The door of hope is found
Yet none but honest souls can hold
This consecrated ground
There honesty will ever find
A Paradise of rest
Where every honest soul is blessed
With purity and peace of mind.

O honesty thou shield of faith
Thou life guard of my soul
O keep me in thy heavenly path

And all my sense controll
May I be honest just and true
Right faithful and sincere
And always keep a Godly fear
In all I say and all I do

May all my work be truly done
With pure and honest sense
Untill my mortal race is run
And I am called hence
And when I leave as soon I may
These mortal shores behind
O may my honest spirit find
A mansion in eternal day.

The New Tongue,

Let all of Zions children
Their tuneful voices raise
In songs of thankful praises
For these bright gospel days
For now the God of Zion
His treasure does unfold
He has fulfilled his promise
As Prophets have fortold

The voice of our blest Leaders
Does call to every one
Quit Satans hateful language
Come speak in the new tongue
Let all your works be lovely
Harmonious pure and mild
Come follow the example
Of heaven's first born child

Then ye shall be my children
United in one band
And nothing that is hurtful
Shall enter Zions land
Then ye shall dwell in safety
Your worship shall be new
Zions shall grow and flourish
mistake B Nourishd with heavenly dew.

The Brethren and the Sister
The aged and the Young
Finds sweetest consolation
In speaking the New tongue
Then let us all be faithful
Our tongues in truth command
And speak the gospel language
Thro all mount Zions land ooo

How happy Zions children
Who speak in the new tongue
Their voices how delightful
Of aged and of young
Sure tis the Vine of Zion
That yields such lovely fruit
That seal of sure redemtion.
Which Satan cant despute

O what a lovely treasure
This language does unfold
A treasure far more precious
Than mines of richest gold
It makes my dear Companions
Appear so pure and clean
I know they are the Children
of Zions King and Queen

The Brethren and the Sisters
The aged and the young,
Find sweetest consolation
In speaking the new tongue
Then let us all be faithful
Our tongues in truth command
And speak the gospel language
Thro all Mount Zion land

The Lord our Comforter

1 The Lord has again in his temple appeared
The voice of rejoicing and gladness is heard
voices
The bridegroom and bride have now utterd the
And all their companions in union rejoice

min
2 They've come to Mount Zion an Ark for the
win
A mountain that flowing with milk and New
This hill of salvation their spirits renew

2 Where sweet consolation descends like a dew.
3 For thus saith the Lord I've returned to be
A comfort to all who will call upon me
A lamp to the wander a couch to the frail
A certain protection, that never will fail.
4 The desert of Zion begins to be seen
Like Eden a garden delightfully green
With fruits and with flowers of various kinds
And beautiful bowers composed of vines.
5 Break forth into singing ye. heavens above
Ye mountains rejoice in a sonnet of Love
The hills and the vallies in raptures may tell
Jehovah hath comforted all that do well.
6 As dew saith the Lord unto Israel I'll be
And he shall grow up as a young olive tree
His branches shall spread and his beauty increase
His shade shall be called the arbour of peace

rais
The children of Israil their voices shal
In songs of thanksgiving and anthems of prai
To heavens protector and Zions great frien
descen
From whom every blessings to mort

Hour of Tribulation

alarm'd
Stand fast my soul be not
Thro times of desolation
Be well prepared be ready arm
For sorrow & temptation
For trials must roll on I know
And serious tribulation
Untill I find the valley low
To be my only station

Lord in thy mercy help me thro
The scenes so mortifying

O give me courage to pursue
The way of selfdenying
Send wisdom to direct my soul
When in the trying hour
When angry billows o'er me roll
Give me thy saving power

O lovely Angels give me light
When ere thick clouds of darkness
Do spread around like shades of night
Then show thy heavenly brightness
Then lead me on in open day
To the celestial bowers
Where true repentace ever may
Descend like living showers

Come Brethren all and Sisters too

Give me a little portion
Of love thats pure yea love that true
And boundless as the ocean
I want my union to increase
With every good believer
I want that solid joy and peace
That will endure forever

Immortal Scenes

When my Spirit was in serious
When my Spirit was in serious
meditation upon the beauties of
meditation upon the beauties of
the immortals senes then
the immortal scenes then
my soul broke forth and
my soul broke forth and
sung how beautful how
sung how beatiful how
beautful are the true worship
ers.
ers of God. They are the
children of heavenly parents

and the true partakers of the
heavenly love and union which
flows to us thro self-denial and
and the cross O my soul wake
up. O my soul wake up and
be thankful for all those precious
gifts of god which thou hast
received from mother true
wine. Let my heart bow in

gratitude and thankfulness

for those precious gifts of

God ~~which thou hast rec~~

O bright Angles come ye

and dwell with & in the hour

of temtation never O never

leave me but bear my spirit

up thro all tribulation to

the beautiful plains of vict

rious love and charity whare
the gifts of repentanck is
always seen and felt whare
the of the gospel are ever foun
and the waters of life never
cease to flow

Olive spencer
Sarah Bates

Sacred Worship

Arise ye saints of the most
high gather togather in the

congregation of the righteous

Ye whose hands are clean

whose hearts are pure Ye who

have put off the wicked one

and are prepared to worship

god in spirit and in truth

Strike the pleasent Lyre

make melody in your heart

in Sweet Songs of celestial

praises O come ye children
of I
of the Kingdom praise the God
of heaven and earth most
gracious and merciful for his
loving kindness endureth
forever and ever O heavenly
Father shed thy divine in-
fluence upon us that in the
Scacred hour we may bring

to thy holy altar acceptable

unto unto thee That our souls

may be filled with heavenly

food and receive from thy

abiding power to honor thy

gospel & to be come redeemed

from all evil Keep us O

Lord thro the transcient

scences of time and crown im-

Mortal Sowals withe eternal peac

in the world to come & and to

thee be the glory and honor

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Holy Faith

O Blessed gospel thou art

eternal thou wilt endure when

time shall be no more thou

wilt when time Shall be no
More O my soul O my soul
keep thy faith most holy
for ever and ever What tho
grief & Sorrow fill thy way
and angry billows oer thee
roll Yet God is just and truth
Shall stand to bear thee safe
ly home B ye of good chear

be ye of good cheer dear brethren
and Sisters for tho the wicked
flourish as a green tree Yet I
know Saith the Lord it Shall
be well with the righteous
Then never look to Sodoms
dismal plans to find a hiding
place but keep your course on
Zionward & God will be your guide

Heart rending thought awful

awful awful far those who

sell their holy birthright

& sink their souls forever Draw

near O Lord we crave thy strent

gth we need thy saving power

O grant it Lord we humbly

pray O Let thy heavenly gifts

flow down Like a fountain of

waters grant the pure in pure heart

a crown Zions Sons & daughters

Fulfillment of the Promise

What millions from sequestered

valleys from desolate moutains from

lonely cottages and silent grove

from torture rooms & racks and

devouring flames have looked

and wept and prayed towards

latter day of liberty and peace
How have they talk of the
rights of man & labored to des
cribe in words what our eyes behold
& our souls daily enjoy namely
The blessings the blessings of
peace & salvation in the land
sacred to freedom Then how
unspeakably great is privilege

seeing the eyes of all seeing th

eyes of all who have ever suff

in the cause of virtue have

earnstly looked have earns

by looked towards the

blessing we enjoy & have justly

expected with us to drink freely

of the rivers of the waters of

life & live forever & ever &

live forever and ever And from

whom have all these blessing

flowed both civil & scacred

which we enjoy but from our

Almighty Creator O then
let us be thankfu let us be
thankful let us be thankful
and rejoice Let us sing praise
us sing praises let us honor
& glorify our God forever
forever & ever

Gospel Baptism

O come all ye that have been
baptised with the gospel

fire & let us worship God in

songs of joyful praises for

he hath ~~the~~ looked on Zion

& made his glory known

in truth & quickening power

O see the windows of heaven

are opening & showers of

blessing do descend & waters gush

from living fountains the

the Sun of righteousness hath
also shone upon the land of
Canaan with reviving rays
& made the promised land to
glow with beauty Christ
manifestation in strength &
salvation were certainly & we can
unite in love & delight on Zion
ground O raise your hands ye

chosen number & shout eternal
praises For Zion now arises with
power & glory O here are flowing
the waters of life wherein we may
be baptised unto repentence
O come & drink & come &
drink be baptesed And
here is found and here is found
the bread of life O eat O

eat & life forever For the
gospel is free for the gospel
is free & the gospel abounds
with choicest treasure No earthly
Princely crown was ever adorned
with such royal gems & precious pearls
I will drink I will drink of the
purifying waters I will I will
feast on the living bread &

humble myself in thankful

ness forever.

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Arise arise O ye inhabitants

of Zion raise your trumpets of

Joy & rejoicing & sound eternal

praise with the holy Angles

of God Yea blow blow Still

the heavens recho the sound

O the holy Seraphs join in
your notes of thank ful prise
For lo saith the Almighty
One the Lord of Heaven
O Earth hark hark ye to my
words for I am that I am your
holy farther in Heaven And
with my mighty hand I will
lead you thro lofing scenes

of sorrow deep & tho angry
waters round you roll roll roll
roll roll My hand my migh
ty hand will lay the foaming
tempest low And lead you
safely thro You & saith
holy Wisdom with the arm
of my love & the strength of
my power I'll bear you weary

spirits up Untill you reach
the blessed abodes of everlast
ing. rest whre with the holy
Seraphs you can join join
in sweetest praises to God
evermore So now on your golden
harps of joy play with the
Angelic host The song of
eternal praise to god ESA

they fly to and fro in your

blessed abodes

Shining Silone

Awake arise O Zion clothe

thyself with thy garment

of love & bow low low even to

the dust of the ground For

behold the Lord the holy

I am the shining Silone of

heavenly brightness walk in

their holy habitation clothed

with majesty & his mighty

power Thy stubborn Oaks

he will lay low & the tall

trees of forest shall bend to

his holy will In the O Zion

he will sow the goodly seed

repentance & thy soil shall

be watered with the tears of
Godly sorrow for sin while the
heavenly dewdrops shall fall
from his holy hand to refresh
thy thirsty land Over thee O
Zion saith the Lord I will
hover with my wings of prote
ction But let judgment roll
down like waters & rightness

like a mighty stream For
thy peace shall flow flow
like a river even to the ends
of the earth Truth shall
reign in all thy borders
puritty shall be the ensign on
on thy wall & love & loveness
meekness thy shinning bann
unfurled to the world And

holiness shall be engraven on

every vessel in my house saith

the Lord Puri fy thy courts

O Zion & cleans thy temple

O Jerusalem For the Lord is

calling you to be his Holla

Linse van vo his holy Sons

& Dauters & the beauty of

his lovely Zion all adorned

with meekness & love the glory
of heaven & earth & glitt-
ing. Stars in his heavenly
Kingdom forever & ever ever

Day of the Lord. more

Behold the day of the Lord
cometh a day joy & rejoicing
Zion shall again be rebuilt
the Holy City of the

Lord Hand living waters
shall go forth from Jeruso
lem - a holy fountain from
the house of the Lord
For the Lord will sound
aloud his Holy Trumpet
from the hights of Zion to
call the wanderer from afar
& the sojourner to his

happy home O prepare

prepare O Zion prepare

for the trumpet of God

is loudly sounding to th

nation abroad O hear th

solem sound. O come com

ye weary ye heavy laden

& cast your burdens far

behind you for the hand

of the Lord is spread
forth in tender love &
mercy I O le va se no va I
call my chosen from afar &
my little ones from the ends
of the earth far behold
Saith Lord the King of Heaven
& earth my people shall
be holy && holiness shall

be their strength & love
& purity their armour in
the day of my decision for
beautiful & glorious shall
shall be my chosen van so
ven thro all the earth Thu
you shall exalted above the
hills because in her house I
saith the Lord raised my

Standerd & spreded forth
my ensign to the nations
abroad & many peapel shall
flock unto it bringing their
treasures sweet Incense &
Myrrh in offerings to
my holy name

Divine Truth

Stand up O ye sheph
erds in Isreal & be strong
feaithful in Zion For
behold saith the Lord I
work in your day a strange
work at wich the simple
mind will rejoice & the pure
in heart will be comforted

For Zion the chosen City
shall be made pure & holy
her Sanctuary shall be
cleansed and her inhabit
ants. shall be made just
& righteous for by judgm
ent. and be the spirit of
burning will plead with her
And all shall know that

I the Lord am a Jealous God

& judgement belongeth

to me The hope of the

hyprocrite shall perish &

I will rebuke the deceitful

heart The proud & the

scornful shall be consumed

by the spirit of my mouth

& no one shall glory in my

presence Therefore O ye

littles ones be not discouraged

but be strong in your faith

& firm in the determination

of your souls to do the will

of god So shall victory

crown your labors & the

glorious light of divine

truth shall continue to
illuminate Your path.

The Old man Adam esquire

Man in his first creation
As he was made upright
While in that salvation
He walk in the light
As he was made male & female
The man must be the lead
And by his wholesome meal
The women must be led
The woman was beguiled
And got the serpents seed
And tho she was exiled
The harlot took the lead
Then from his head old adam fled
And cleave unto his wife
And in this fall he never shall
Eat of the tree of life

Now in his flesh relation
He lies beneath the curse
And every generation
Has still been growing worse
But God decreed another seed
Of A superior birth
Whose feet should bruise the serpents head
And people all the earth
The time has been predicted
And this must be their day
And he that is convicted
Will quit his former way
When he begins to see his sins
And bring them to the light
The union life of man & wife
Can not appear aright
Now the old man is offend

Unwilling yet to die
He says he was commanded
To go and multiply
He argue still he can fulfill
The all important trust.
But this pretence is his defence
To gratify his lust
The serpent now in fetters
Tho he is but a thief
To Pauls mysterious letters
Will hasten for relief
Permission blind he there can find
But no express command
And after all the words Paul
He cannot understand
That some forbid to marry
The carnal man can read

"Oh! drop my soul, the burdens that oppress And cares that rule, That I may prove the whispering wilderness, Heaven's vestibule!"

How? As a rest from care & anxious, watchful solicitude. The idle & lazy might find it a desert.

Savings

Savings begins in cob webs & ends in iron chains Savings is the ... it derives

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

THE ACTION OF PRAYER.

VISCOUNT DE TORRES-SOLANO contributes to *La Union Espiritista*, an article on Prayer, from which we translate the following passages :—"Spiritualism causes us to comprehend the action of prayer by explaining the means by which thought is transmitted, whether it be that the being for whom we pray comes to our appeal, or whether our thought reaches him. To arrive at an idea of what takes place under such circumstances, we must represent to ourselves all beings, both incarnate and disincarnate, as submerged in the universal fluid which fills all space, just as we are here immersed in the earth's atmosphere. This fluid receives an impulse from the will. It is the vehicle of thought, just as the air is that of sound; with this difference, that the vibrations of the air are circumscribed, whereas those of the universal fluid are infinite in their extension. Moreover, when the thought is directed towards any being whatsoever, whether on earth or in space, it establishes between the incarnate or disincarnate, or *vice versa*, a fluidic current connecting the two, which transmits such thought as the air transmits sound; the energy of the current being in the ratio of that of the thought and of the will; which explains why the thought is understood by spirits, wheresoever they may be; how spirits communicate among themselves; how they transmit their inspirations to us; and how relations are established between incarnate beings, at a great distance from each other.

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Three polisht birds of brilliant hue
Sitting in majesty with you [the Ministry]
With copious vision, never true,
Have laid their eggs in water:
But crocodiles are near their shore,
When these shall find them, all is o'er
For those who've noght but earthly store
Make neither son nor daughter.

God's perfect Order yet to be,
Shall number four instead of three,
But at present you will see,
Primitiv order broken—
Those who've not bowed to Baal's throne
Will have the gospel to make known,
Yea these shall prosper, these alone—
Their lives are for the token.

Three birds Independence, Popularity, & Sloth. The foregoing lines were given by John Gilderslieve to Miranda B. for the Ministry, near 1864.

"This explanation is especially intended for those who do not comprehend the utility of purely mystical prayer. It is not for the purpose of materialising it but in order to make its effects intelligible, that we demonstrate how it may have a direct and effective action, without rendering it any the less subordinate to the will of God, the supreme Judge of all things, and who alone can render its action efficacious.

"By prayer, man calls to himself the aid of the good spirits who come to sustain him in his good resolutions, and to inspire him with good thoughts; thus acquiring the moral strength necessary to overcome difficulties; to return to the right path if he has wandered away from it; in the same way that they are able to avert from him the evils which he may have invited by his own faults.

"It was reserved for Spiritualism to demonstrate to us the action of prayer, by revealing the relations which exist between the visible and invisible world; but its effects do not stop there.

"Prayer is recommended by all spirits. To be wanting in prayer, is to ignore the goodness of God; it is to renounce for ourselves, the assistance we are capable of deriving from it; and to neglect to do to others the good we have the power of effecting for them."

When other matter came to mind, more appropriate, the written matter would be deferred, or be delivered perhaps in a changed form. What is written forms a thread of discourse, from which to throw out other lines of ~~thot~~, while it is being delivered, as they chance to occur to mind.

Not delivered. Sometimes, after writing a sketch, other matter would present itself that would seem more appropriate. 3

Aug. 20, I retired to rest but was unable to sleep, for a long time. Having nothing on my mind to trouble me, I laid the cause to spiritual conditions in the atmosphere, after I dropt asleep I awoke from a short nap with this sentence in mind "Rachel weeping for her children, refuses to be comforted, because they are not. You are not children, but men & women". That is, while claiming the place & rights of the children, you are yet of the world, & strangers to the children's inheritance. You prefer your natural ways & worldly, horse sense judgment, & are not willing to give up any of them to become spiritualized, & true heirs to the spiritual inheritance of the Saints in light — which you cannot be, till you give up judging your brethren & sisters from a selfish, worldly

standpoint, & are willing to be led, instructed & guided as little children. Your refusal to do this, causes the Mother of the children to weep, because you are not children, & wish not to be. And while in that state of opposition to higher light & truth, your presence causes confusion, & multiplies the evils of which you complain — & which your eyes are looking out to see, nearly always away from you, in somebody else, but seldom ever within, where the greatest fault, that over which you have entire control & full authority to correct, lies undisturbed & unperceived. ~~This~~ you is not addrest to any individual person, but to that nature which is trying to reform the way given us by our spiritual Parents, to make it conform to the natural sense of creatures, ruled by worldly ambition.

August 25

O my mortal Sisters, brothers,
We each & all belong to others,
And the soul that gives most freely
From its treasure, hath the more—
For in losing life we find it,
And in giving love we bind it,
Like an amulet of saftey,
To our hearts forevermore.

Spirit address—

We are not our own. We did not produce ourselves into being— We none of us originated our various talents, or intelligence, or capacity for enjoyment or suffering, & we are all dependant upon others for a portion of our privileges, possessions, enjoyments & even the needful things of life. Hence we are all bound to service in return for the benefits we receive.

 August 25 1901

No one has a right to deteriorate his gifts any selfish indulgence for gain or pleasure, or any other purpose. For every injury done to himself is an injury to all his friends & associates. Every person of common intelligence will admit that he has no right to steal, or take for his own use, that which belongs to another without the owner's consent. We know it is wrong because it hurts to have our own things stolen, & we know we have no right to hurt another when we can ~~be~~ avoid it. It is not doing as we would be done by. Every one who has a conscience, knows it is not right to tell lies, to deceive, even in sport - There is no right to it, in any case whatever. No one of ordinary intelligence will claim a right to pollute the water one is drinking to quench thirst - or the food he is eating to support life, or

the air he is breathing, & which he must breathe in order to live. For similar reasons, he has no right to use tobacco or whiskey, or indulge his appetite with any thing that would dull the normal action of his faculties or injure his health — for he cannot do any thing of the kind without impairing his usefulness & injuring others as really as himself — associates who are rendering him their unimpaired services — & to whom his own are due without depreciation.

It has been proved by experiment that 3/5 of the food & drink we take in, for to support our bodies, passes out into the atmosfere in an invisible state. It goes forth stampt with our life history, the deeds & motives & moods of our souls How can it be otherwise, when a

piece of ~~white~~ paper on which you have written a note to a friend, receives an impression from which a sensitive or clairvoyant can read the most secret thots of your mind, & the motives which predominate in your character. This has been proved by thousands of apperiments.

These emanations of ours, are recording our history upon every thing we touch, upon the walls of our apartments, upon the atmosphere around us, & are linking our lives with others — & are having an uplifting effect on others, or the opposite, according as we live an upright, godly life, worthy of a rational being, courageously battling against evil in our own hearts, & against all opposing influences that would drag us down to perdition if we would give away to them — or a depressing & degrading effect, if we ourselves are on a descending plane,

yielding by little & little to the decept-
ive charms of a carnal, worldly nature.
Seldom any one does a great sin, who has not been demoralized by a
series of little sins which operate to hard-
en & blind the sinner till his ruin is accom-
plisht. This influence we shed upon others,
is the seed we are daily sowing — & let no
one think that is the end of it. Sowing im-
plies a harvest, when every one will reap
in kind what he has sown.

In the harvests of earth, one may sow
& another reap. But the harvest of the
soul is so arranged, that no one can escape
the reward of his works. It is the immutable
law. Hence the Spirit says, I will reward ev-
ery one according as his works shall be,
whether they be good or whether evil.

The doctrine of vicarious atonement as
taught in the churches, is an antichristian

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~~device~~ [of mind] which enables the sinner to violate the commandments of God, without fear of the evil consequences. It contradicts reason, revelation & experience. Hence, tomes have been written & much learning expended to enable people to believe it — to believe a lie.

The soul leaves a shadow of itself, wherever the body rests for a season. These are revelations God is making to day, even to the children of nature, who do not profess the nolej that has been given to us.

Mother Ann taught The first step of obedience any soul can take in the way of God, is to honestly confess one's sins to God, before His Witnesses. Herein, Christ is found as a Savior & forgiver of sins, & nowhere else. It is the heart that God looks at. The heart with its hidden abominations covered & concealed from the Witnesses of Christ, becomes like a cage of unclean birds

& never can be cleansed short of a full & free confession. They that honestly confess their sins with full determination to forsake them, forever will find strength of God to forsake them. And in taking up their cross against every known sin & following Christ in the regeneration & life of obedience, they will be clothed with the righteousness of Christ & become the sons & daughters of God & joint hairs with Jesus Christ.

Those who do thus, shed an uplifting influence upon every thing they touch. It remains a saving power in the atmosphere to help redeem the world, till they chuse to draw it to them in the Spirit world. As a power they have gained by bearing the cross & keeping the commands of Christ, it will ever attend them thru the cyclying Ages of Eternity.

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"Awake my soul to watch & pray
And keep a constant guard, Begin
again each coming day, Thy journey
heavenward — O let no trifling things of time
retard thy progress here, But rise to objects
more sublime, Beyond this mortal sphere."

Lo! says Mother I have come with
a bright burning lamp, To light your
path dear children, & give unto all, my
sweetest love — And here is an
armor of holy faith, & a trumpet of
power I have brot you to sound — Sound
with the armies in heavenly order
marching from glory to glories new.
These are the words of a song given
in my younger days, to comfort & encour
age those who were laboring out of their
loss. It is just as good now as then,
& as applicable to souls in a travail for
redemption from evil. It is the Day
of Judgment — the Day, 18.10 since, predicted
when the Trumpet should sound to awaken souls in

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the great resurrection!

Resurrection means a rising up. Souls bound by their lusts, in nature's darkness, both those in the body & those out — are spiritually dead, & to the spiritual eye appear as if asleep — & they need arousing before they can perceive the light of the Kingdom of God which is establisht in some, it is approaching others, which will consume all other kingdoms & systems of unsound & false power. Every soul that puts on this armor of faith in the gospel of Mother — faith in the Power & gift of God, walking in obedience thereto becomes, in his efforts to save his own soul, as a spirit stirring trumpet to awaken others. It is the day foretold in the visions of John, — the Day of sounding the Seventh Trumpet, which is to convert the Kingdom of this world to our Lord & His Anointed.

If those who are young in years, & young in nolej of the way of the cross, could get this faith into their understanding that the world & its kingdoms & pleasures & all the glory of them,

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is from this time on, a ~~diminishing~~ waning & vanishing quantity, & that the the ~~system~~ rule of life revealed in Mother's gospel is the only System that will endure forever — & when we say Mother's gospel we mean to include all that word of Jesus which he said shall not pass away — tho heaven & earth as known to the world, will pass away, tho they try all possible means to prevent it, & hang to it till they are beggard & haggard beyond description — yet by laying hold of this system revealed in our gospel, we may escape such a calamitous condition, by giving our life to the only way that leads to abiding peace & happiness & that rest which will completely satisfy the soul. Deceive not yourselves with the alluring charms of worldly ease & pleasure, nor waste precious moments in frivilous enjoyment. Youth is the season

predicted by Sages, should be devoted to the service of God. Early impressions are likely to be the most lasting — & are interwoven with all subsequent actions of the mind. Wise parents & guardians understand this, & try to prevent their charges, from gaining nolej of the ways of sin, as long as they can.

"Life is a leaf of paper white — Whereon each one of us may write, His word or two & then comes night — Greatly begin, tho thou have time, but for a line, — Be that sublime — Not a slip, but low aim is crime."

If we have this faith, that the world is destined to perish, & pass entirely away from each & all of us, & that the Gospel opens before us the only way to everlasting, ever increasing life, joy & happiness, we shall

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have far more strength to overcome
resistance to progress — & temptation
will have far less power to draw aside.
The world is a scene of destruction & woe
And all its amusements are vain;
Then why should we, with such great
opportunities open to us, stoop to en-
joyments so low, Which end in af-
fliction & pain. Surely they will
end in affliction & pain to those who
after having their eyes opened to see & their ears
to hear the truths of the higher life, if
they then turn from it to the inferior
things of time & sense — their treasure
& interest will be dross & corruption.

In the great Day of Judgment, separation
between good & evil is made in the heart
of its subjects, by confessing & forsaking all
sin, while the light of the Judgment dis-
closes the exact nature & quality of sin so that
it cannot be mistaken — & burns up sin &
all sinful desires, in the fires of truth &
the Daily cross. Those who refuse to come to
this, must burn with the tares till they d

I have been requested to speak this morning on the Second Appearing of Christ. I am told that some among us maintain that Christ has not made his second Appearing, but according to their notion or opinion or supposition, the 2nd Appearing is yet to come. In this belief, they are in accord with the belief of the entire Antichristian world, whose kingdom is a kingdom of darkness & its subjects refuse to believe the present revelation that Christ makes of himself & herself — because they say, the Old Record of 2.000 years ago, as interpreted by their learned Drs. of Divinity is sufficient for all their purposes — They need no more Divine revelation till the final division between good & evil is made at the end of all earthly things, in the great Day of Judgment. But that Day has come out of their sight & knowledge, & they are liable to its plagues & fire, because they refuse to believe its Messengers.

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See Dan. VII: 9 to 11. Rev. XX.

Of course every one has liberty to believe what he pleases, but if he or she adopts a belief opposed to the teaching of our gospel Parents, & undertakes to prove it by argument & to propagate it to others, he is liable to argue himself into darkness & into separation from the body. Besides he is making himself a minister of confusion, of weakness & of darkness, in lieu of harmony, light & strength. & he will have a host of dark spirits to inspire & push him on, because he is doing their work – is their instrument – & unless he has a very sincere love for truth & is willing to listen to counsel, good ministering Spirits cannot approach him to ~~lead~~ him ~~from error~~ to the path of safety.

Believe not every Spirit, says the Apostle, but try the Spirits, because many false Prophets have gone out into the world. Truth is not a matter of human opinion, but an unalterable & universal principle,

not seen nor known by the unbelieving world. Whom the world cannot receive, because it sees her not, neither knows her, as Jesus said to his disciples — but ye know her, because she shall be with you & in you. This of course alludes to the truth of heaven & eternal Life. The first test of this truth, is its unity, & harmony with itself, by whomsoever uttered — & its agreement with the first principles of ~~rational~~ understanding. By the agreement of many independant Witnesses, with each other, — but the last final test, is practice. Hee who does the truth knows it — beyond doubt or peradventure.

Appearing means to become visible, or manifest. It is used in the Scripture with reference to Christ, for a Greek word which means to Shine, Shining forth — or brightness. It has been used by Believers from their beginning, to represent in a general sense a Dispensation. It will I believe be conceded that Christs first Appearing was a Dispensation,

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including a variety of spiritual mani-
festations, & covering centuries of time.
But that manifestation ceased, at the
killing of the Witnesses, & the withdrawal
of the Spirit to the heavens, being caught
up to God & His throne, while the man of
Sin sat in the Temple of God, & the Beastly ele-
ment in human nature made war on the
Saints & overcame them, & ruled in the
high places of the world for 1260 years, which
is proved by the records of history, & by the
words of Jesus, predicting a time when no
one who claimed to be Christ or that proclaimed
Christ was to be followed, or listened to,
because of false Christs & false Prophets, &
not a true Christ to be found on the earth.
But tho the Spirit was withdrawn its
effects did not cease, but have continued
to the present, & will to the end of time.
But the withdrawal made it necessary
for the Spirit to return — Agreeable to the
the teaching of the parable. The kingdom
of heaven is like a man going into a
far country, to receive to himself a

kingdom, & to return. So we read
that the Spirit of Life from God descend
ed & entered into the Witnesses, & they arose
& stood upon their feet - on their own foun-
dation & not on any foundation laid in human
wisdom. Among those who stood, was a
woman, Ann Lee, who became the cen-
tral, inspiring medium & visible head
of the new movement, thru which Christ
the Anointing Spirit shined forth as the
nucleus & commencement of a new Dis-
pensation, which embraces the light & is
the harvest of the sowing in all that pre-
ceded it. And this is the second Appear-
ing of Christ. It includes all the mani-
festations of the Spirit required to complete
its mission to the final consummation of
all sublunary things.

If there has been other appearings of Christ,
they have been subordinate & secondary to
these two. Others have enlightened & illuminated
man on the earthly plane & prepared man
to receive the culture of the higher life.

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But only these two, which interlock & witness to each other, have the holy their purpose to regenerate man, harvest him from the earth, & raise him to the Divinely spiritual state, while living in the earthly body. And it will continue till till every soul is convinced of his Divine Presence & Power, & has had opportunity to make their everlasting choice, to serve self, in their own way, or serve God in His way.

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Father James was a Son of God, a true Prophet & Messenger of the everlasting Gospel. He proclaimed the word of God that abideth forever, to the people of his day & generation, & where is the science or reasoning of man that is able to reverse it. It cannot be done. 118 years ago, in John Bishop's door yard, as the record

states, (where the South Family now stands) Father James addressing a public assembly, testified "The time is fully come according to ancient prophecy, for Christ to make his second appearing for the redemption of lost man. This is the Second appearance of Christ, & we are God's true Witnesses, thru whom Christ has manifested himself, in this day of his second Appearing. And the only means of salvation that will ever be offered to a lost world, is to confess and forsake their sins, take up their cross and follow Christ in the regeneration" Prec. p. 136.

He spoke of the necessity of souls believing in the Messengers whom God had sent. He declared the only way they could find the will of God, was to find it in those Messengers whom He has

sent. This is the way, according to the Scriptures, that God manifested Himself to the Ancients, & it is as much so now as it was in ancient days. Father James wept much, and spoke of humility & self abasement. He said, You cannot blame me for abasing myself. He declared the great riches he had found by the gospel, & spoke of the awful consequences of rejecting the day of their visitation. After this, Elder Joseph Meacham & Calvin Harlow spoke in confirmation of what had been said. They declared this to be the Second Appearing of Christ, & that these were his true Witnesses. Elder Joseph, with able helpers, laid the foundation of gospel Order, for all Believers in the present Revelation of Christ. Elder Calvin Harlow, organized the Societies in Hancock, & in Enfield—Conn. These inspired Leaders of the people, were all Divinely

guided & spake not from
their old, antichristian education,
but from the new revelation of the
~~Holy~~ Spirit that was poured into
their resurrected and justified souls,
I believe no one acquainted with
their history will deny. They lived
in almost constant communication
with the spirit world. They were or-
dained by Mother Ann to preach the
everlasting gospel — the gospel which
resurrects the soul to eternal life, &
brings it thru the fires of eternal judg-
ment here and now, cutting it off
from the world and purging it from all
stain & imperfection — this gospel
which Mother testified will be of-
fered to all souls, either in time or
eternity, — & by which all souls will yet
be judged, whether they accept it unto life,
or reject it unto death and firey torments.
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For the labors of the people of God are not lost,
but are a savor of life unto life, or of death unto
death - P. 250

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Mother said to Anna Matthewson
The Apostles in their day saw darkly
as thru a glass — i.e. obscurely as in a riddle
or enigma — but now we see clearly face
to face — we see things as they are & con
verse with departed Spirits face to face
& see their states. Thousands are able
to ~~[illegible]~~ & converse with spirits in these
days, I believe, as a rule, but only those who have entered the
work of the Judgment proclaimed in the
gospel, ~~know their spiritual~~ states.
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Mother told Father Job when she sent
him forth, that he was called to preach
a purer gospel than St. Paul preacht.
Yet Paul preacht as pure a gospel as the
people he was sent to would bear — very
much like ours. He received it by revelation
from Jesus Christ.

Mother Ann said she conversed
with Christ Jesus every day, face to face,
as one friend converses with
another. She must have received
from him ~~notes of many things not~~ written
in books of man.
She frequently walkt with him in groves
& vallies.

In a letter to old acquaintances
Father James testified,

All we who are of that one community that worship God in Spirit & rejoice in Christ Jesus, being separated from all effeminate desires & sensual pleasures, are in possession of the only hope of eternal life. My God has delivered me, redeemed my soul, filled it with heavenly glory & the power of endless life. I am weaned from all terrestial connections, & in lieu thereof I have joined the host of heaven. With open vision do I behold the angelic company of the spiritual world, & join the melodious songs of the New Jerusalem. I feel the compassion of God to warn you what you are losing in this great day of the second appearance of the Son of Man. You are losing no less than the only means of salvation that will ever be offered again in this world.

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At the burial of Mother Ann's earthly
casket, Father James said "I desire to
do the will of God. This is the greatest
gift of God that a soul can obtain.
You will all have to feel so – to be re-
conciled to do God's will, & to feel that
the gospel is your only interest.
To the unbelievers present, he said
This that we so much esteem & so much
adore, is a treasure worth laboring for
– it is the gospel of Christ's Second Ap-
pearing. It is the only means of sal-
vation that will ever be offered to
sinners. It is the last display of
Of course it is deigned to continue
God's grace to a lost world. last soul is reached
till the
Father Joseph's mind was so much
in the spirit world, before he became
first Leader of the people, that he
said he had to withdraw his mind from
it at times, or it would take him out
of the world, – & he felt that had yet
a work to do in this.

In his treatise on the Dispensations, he says The fourth Dispensation is the Second Appearing of Christ, or final or last display of God's grace to a lost world. It is the last because it is to continue till all souls are reacht. They taught that there will be an ever lasting increase on this foundation. And Father James testified, God will sweep all nations off the face of the earth, if they do not repent & turn to him. If we have different criterions or standards of Judgment, we shall have divisions among us. I know of but one standard that can make us a united people — that is the united & uniform testimony of our first Parents in the Gospel.

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In the spiritual sky there is beaming
A Sun that will never go down,
Over the hill tops its light is
streaming, Revealing the Eternal throne.
On the highway of heaven tis shining
The path of the pilgrim is bright – All dark
clouds have a silver lining From
the Orbit of truth & right.

When Jesus was on earth, he said While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. Walk while the light is with you, for the night cometh, wherein no man can work. Here work & walk are used as if having one meaning. To walk, is to advance – to go forward. It is only by good works that we advance in the light which raises our souls to heaven & ever lasting life &. Light is produced by life in motion. He that followeth me, said Jesus, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. In him was life, & his life was, & is yet, the light of men.

The same life, in all who follow him — whether in man woman or children, is the light of man — & the light of the world. Jesus said to his disciples, ye are the light of the world. In the harvest of the Age, after all tares are gathered out of his kingdom that is, out of the hearts of his people & burned in the fires of the Judgment, then shall the righteous shine forth as the Sun in the kingdom of their Father. The lives of these purified subjects of the Kingdom of heaven, gathered together & blended in one, by the spirit of a holy consecration & mutual serving in unselfish love to each other, & devotion to a holy cause, is the light of the world, & the source or medium of all the uplift which is raising man above the brute & advancing him to the spiritual or Angelic plane. This statement is proved by the consequences to the world, of withdrawing the light of Christ's first Appearing for a season.

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Both Jesus & the Apostles predicted an apos-
tacy from the light of Christ's first Appearing
The Sun of Righteousness would be dark-
ened — the stars, that is Teachers of religious
light, would fall from heaven to earth —
& of course their teaching would become earthly
reflecting their earthly condition — & the moon
used figuratively for natural reason, would
not cause her light to shine. Antichrist
a false substitute for the true Christ, would
get the Dominion of the world — make
war on the Saints & kill the Witnesses
of Christ. How this was fulfilled during
1300 years is recorded in the profane his
tory of a period, called by universal consent,
the dark ages. But since the Appear
ing, or shining forth of Christ thru
woman, clothed with the Sun of Righ-
teousness, the Light of Life has been in
creasing faster & faster, & has reacht an
degree of intensity & means of extension
never known on earth before.

This is evident from the light that is breaking forth in so many places, thru the agency of departed spirits — tho the Source is not always perceived. ‡ Accompanied also by important discoveries in all departments of human research — the vast increase of natural intelligence, the province of the moon by diffusion of noleg, & useful inventions, harnessing the powers of nature & compelling them to serve human needs.

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‡ Jesus declared that the presence of the Son of man would be like the lightning, which shineth out from one part under heaven, unto another part under heaven.

But the Sun of Righteousness has now arisen, never more to go down. Mother Ann testified The power of Antichrist will never again get the dominion — The fulness of the Godhead, dwells in the woman bodily. In 1850, one speaking in her name, said The gospel will never run out. Fear no such result. Father James

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~~Death of Pres Garfield~~

~~1 not so soon~~

~~O Father of our country leave us~~

~~you go~~

~~Whisper some sweet words before~~

~~[illegible]~~

when in the body, testified If there are but five souls left that remain faithful, the gospel will go forth from them & this testimony will overcome all nations.

About 7 years ago, at the meeting house Elder Louis from Hancock, said he read in a book, written 40 years before, that the writer ~~[illegible]~~ 20 years would ~~end~~ up with Shakers. Sister Minerva said, We are here yet – the tree is still growing – Eldress Augusta ~~[illegible]~~ became inspired & said The tree is still growing, & it will keep on growing till it covers the whole earth – & I believe it is true.

I wish to say to these young people here, all the selfrestraint you practice in obedience to what you are taught will be a stay & a treasure to you when you have become older, of more value to you than earthly riches. If you keep it up, it will cease to feel like restraint, & will be a source of comfort, protection & blessing. But if you are untruthful & disobedient, & take all the liberty you dare to, you are liable to form a character like thousands in the world, who are rushing headlong to destruction in ways of evil indulgence, without any power to stop themselves, without help from some one who has formed habits of selfdenial & selfrestraint.

Faith is a gift of God, says the Apostle. Faith cometh by hearing & hearing by the word of God, spoken by His true Witnesses, or Messengers of the everlasting gospel. Mother Ann compared faith to the anchor of a ship. It holds the soul in times of trial. There are times in a Believers travel, as Calvin Green told me once, in which their way is so dark, they cannot see before them. They

have to feel their way along. But the sun is shining above the darkness, & they who have received the gift of faith, can never get rid of it. They may rebel against it & obscure it for a time with disobedience & worldly ambition — but it is there, & will harrass & torment one till he or she obeys it. That is one consideration that determined my early choice & held me to this way. I knew that if I put it off 10,000 years, I had got it to do before I could ever be happy. I chose to do it before I had increased the labor & the difficulty of it, ten or a hundred fold, by disobedience — & I have never regretted my choice, but greatly rejoice in what I have gained, — And I have lost nothing by it that would have been of any value, but have dispensed with much that would have caused affliction & torment. Jesus taught, If one has faith as a grain of mustard seed — he might say unto this mountain — not a mountain

earth & rocks, — but a mountain of difficulty, or opposition to one's spiritual travel, Be thou removed hence, to yonder place, & it would obey. No obstacle could defeat your progress. I think we have all cause for courage, knowing that perseverance in this cause will wring success from apparent defeat. I am thank to see that our young Believers take such a reasonable & hopeful view of conditions — that strength does not consist always in members — but in unity, zeal & consecratedness.

Know ye my little few, I am your
Mother true, And will ever comfort you,
In the solitary hour — Yea wherever you
may be, O'er the hills or on the sea, If
you truly follow me, I will clothe you
with my power. Power, Power,
Power & Glory & Everlasting Praise to God.

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If I were askt, what has run down our Societies, so far as there has been a running down, I would say of three principal causes. One is, the practice of hiring the world to work among us. Not an occasional hiring of a man, or a company of men, to do a transient job, but the practice of hiring our regular domestic work done. A second cause, has been the spending of years & years of toil on children of such immoral parentage that they were incapable of receiving the seed & culture of the spiritual life — Incapable of appreciating the value of selfdenial or selfrestraint, & had to be governed entirely by fear. Unable to appreciate any thing higher than the natural life of the world. One cannot make a hickory handle

out of soft & brittle red alders.
It is true, we have with us, . . .
as honest, sincere & devoted souls perhaps
as any that have preceded us. But have
we not run down greatly in our zeal
for the conversion of souls to our faith —
& for the spreading of our testimony.

A third cause, is the introduction of
the daily newspaper, & other periodic
literature of the world, till these form
the bulk of our reading matter, in—
cluding fiction, in preference to
reading, Believer's publications & the Bible
to grow an understanding of Shaker
faith & principles — to learn how to give
a reason for the faith that is in us,
or to explain our doctrines to others,
or to cultivate spiritual mindedness,
which essential our growth & travel out
of nature into Grace —

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or from an earthly to a heavenly state.
And these causes are still operating,
& we may be supposed to have some
power to modify or change. It is be-
lieved by competent judges, that we cannot
raise young people in a faith that will
hold them, while we practice hiring,
even tho their parentage & quality may
be of the best. October 20th

An action that is finisht
& gone to judgment, along with the actors,
we can not change, & I cannot see
any gain or advantage to come of
holding it up as evidence of de-
fect or flaw in our system.
It has an effect on the charac-
ter of him who does it, but does not
affect the System of the gospel which
we are taught to live by. The system
remains ever the same. The way of
God is strait as straitness & pure as the
heavens — & will tolerate no false doctrine
nor unprincipled actio[n]

The holy Spirit is continually flowing from the heavens into clean & consecrated vessels, & tho the vessels may have imperfections, the Holy Spirit as a well of living waters ever springing up within every honest, faithfully obedient soul, will wash away all impurity & imperfection that is contracted from contact with the mire & moil of earthly duties, & burdens of a temporal life.

Like a natural spring in the ground— In scooping out the basin to hold the water, stirring the mud roils the spring as we say. But the clear running water flowing in carries out the roil & clears the basin. So is the soul on fire of truth, confessing sins & rectifying its faults. A number of such combined in gospel Order

for the basin from which other souls may drink & be refresht.

When I was placed among this people, in 1838, it was near the commencement of a spiritual work, called Mother's work, because Mother appeard to be prime mover & Conductor, for about 3 ½ years. It was a work of purification, in which the most holy, purified themselves yet more. A work of practical instruction in our daily duties — a work of rectifying little faults & ~~all~~ wrongs & disorders of every kind, by bringing our lives to judgment before the Witnesses, & leaving all crooked ways & sins behind. A work of increasing selfdenial & consecration of our whole being to God & His way forever. Mother said she came in answer to the prayers of her first born,

to baptize the young with conviction — to purge out sin & disorders & to reestablish Church Order as at the beginning — & to prepare us for the gospel to go forth to mankind. I grew up in that work, with eyes & ears open, to hear & to learn & experience all that I might. ~~When I was 22~~, 15 years later, an Instrument spake in the name of Mother Ann This day, the ~~Spirit~~ Spirit of evil is put down — it is bound, & has no power to rise. Mark my word, It never was so before — The Church never before stood in such Order as it does now; with such a united feeling in every one to press forward;

From what I learned & witnest in that work, I formed the conclusion that this work includes within itself the power of renovation purification & restoration with increasing degrees of purity, so often as the purpose of its Prime Instigator & Mover shall require it.

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If there is any decline in Believers zeal & interest to save souls, of the causes that produced it, I will mention one still operating, which we all & each of us individually, have some power & responsibility to modify & controll. Father Joseph addrest a meeting of the Church after this manner - Here the world are, sinking in death all around you - If you do not feel more or as much for them, as you do for yourselves, you are not fit to be here. If our souls are really awake & alive in the gospel, & we are keeping a proper separation from the world, we shall realize a great difference between ~~their state & ours~~ This putting it pretty strong, but if we are saved from sin & the bondage of the world & are happy & rejoicing over it, why should we not wish to impart the good news to others. How can we be so indifferent

as to think it an impertinance to talk to them about their souls. But this matter which is destroying our interest & which we may control, is the ~~Littarature~~ literature of the world, which we imbibe by reading, to the almost entire exclusion of the Bible & the literature of Believers, which would aid in cultivating spiritual mindedness — But some think that is antiquated — & that we have outgrown it. Rather, the fact is, those who do not appreciate it as of highest worth, have not progrest up to it. There are things in the Bible that will be enlightening to the spiritually minded, so long as man exists upon this earth. Mother Lucy told a sister that was fond of reading the newspaper, No vessel can be more than full. The intelligence of every person here, knows this is true. The mind is like a sponge. Let a sponge be saturated with water, & we cannot get more in without crowding some out.

October 27. Funeral

Maria Lapsley, aged 80.

This ~~earth~~ other world, is a place of trial, not of reward, I heard a Prophet say in one of our meetings, It is a place of unfolding & training our powers, & of purifying ~~our~~ our hearts & subduing our will to God's will. Self will & desires opposed to God's will make ~~most of~~ our troubles; Therefore we must wear these dutily the daily cross. ~~Hence~~, trials & sufferings are blessings in disguise. They are necessary to refine & separate ~~our~~ our spirits from earthly dross, & to grow strength. If we never had any opposition to overcome, we would always be weaklings, & proportionally narrow in our range both of joy & sorrow. Strong, executive wills, vanquishing temptation in active duty, have great er joy, while sorrow diminishes as strength increases. A Poet says

Dearly bo't the hidden treasure,
Finer feelings can bestow,

Chords that vibrate sweetest pleasures
Thrill the deepest notes of woe.

"Steep & craggy is the path of the Gods".
But this is only at the beginning. Bro. Benjamin Youngs told me, the beginning of a Believer's travel, if one is faithful, is always the hardest. I have proved it so in my case. In my baptism, which I labored for, with my whole heart, mind & strength till I gained it, because I desired to know what was the mind & will of God concerning me as an individual, without having to trust to mere belief, or the say so of ordinary people, however trust worthy their word — I say in that baptism I was raised to heaven & the truth was planted in my inward parts, never to be erased. And tho the reaction seemed frightful by contrast, & at times I feared I had lost all prospect of

recovering lost ground, & even wisht I might pass on by death, lest are I lost my union to the happy few Who do a daily cross maintain Yet, I never gave up the conflict If I did nothing but stand still, & let the storm blasts of my natural life swee by me. I knew the light I had receiv sealed my fate for eternal life or death Death to a carnal nature & all worldly pleasure, if I gained life. But if I lost Life, a double death, & ten fold darkness, without hope or comfort of any kind. So I would not give up even when I feared that all was lost. Now I rejoice in victory & triumph — my fears are banisht, I have realized the truth of what Mother Ann said, When a soul sets out in the way of God, The Devil enemy will raise all his forces to try to turn them aside if possible. But all who are faithful, will have strength according to their day. All who are faithful to obey the light given them, will come off victors at last.

It is natural for some people, when they meet trouble & disappointment, to wish themselves dead — but it is unwise, & to whoever does any thing purposely or carelessly to shorten their life here, it is counted a sin.

One who enters Eternity by their own careless or wilful doings to get rid of trouble, will find themselves deeper in than before. They will not find a place prepared for them, but will have to wait till their time comes. Years ago, a young brother at Watervliet, Nehemiah White, while working alone in a saw mill, was struck in the breast by the sudden recoil of a skid. He was found senseless & taken up for dead & removed to the house on a wheelbarrow. After an hour or two, he came to, & said that he found himself sitting on a log in the mill. Father William came & sat down by him, &

said there was no place prepared for him in that world yet. That he must come back & make a place for himself by faithfulness. I think he lived to be over 60 years of age, & was a diligent worker till the last. Trials are neccessary for our spiritual growth & purification, & can be endured only by pateent endurance & obedience to our best light, till we have outgrown them. When outgrown, they will cease whether we be in this world or another. Changing worlds at the right time, doubtless removes some trials, but if done at the wrong time by improper means, can only increase them. Those who have an understanding that this life, even in its physical aspect, is to lay the foundation for another, superior to this, if they view it aright, would regard it as a blessing, rather to be cherisht, & desired, than to be lightly esteemed.

The body is a chemical laboratory, extracting the essence of food, drink & air, to build the body we are to use when this is laid aside. And as by the law of our being, what we do is ours, the longer we live & do good, the greater will be our treasure in heaven & means to help others.

~~Those~~ who would not be like crawling creatures, hugging the ground, ~~should~~ crucify self will, & subdue passion & appetite. Form no attachment to material things, but faithfully discharge all duties in the sphere appointed — & when they have overcome, there will be no elevation too high for them to mount no heaven they may not cleave in their goings forth. Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The value of life is equivocal, with all its faculties & channels & enjoinments in full exercise. The most undesirable of all things is long life, & there is nothing I have so much dreaded.

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"The call of the Lord is come come to Judgment, O cleanse ye your hearts and your souls purify— Then He will replenish His people with power And clothe them with strength from on high." Last evening I tried to quote a passage from Paul which did not come clearly to mind till afterward It was this God hath appointed a Day in which He will judge the world in righteousness— in a man whom He hath appointed; proof having given in that he hath raised him from, or out of the dead. This refers to one man, Jesus, only as an example— for Jesus himself says, He that overcometh shall sit down with me in my throne even as I overcame & have sat down with my Father in his throne. A throne is a seat of authority & dominion. Kings sit upon thrones & judge their subjects. Those who follow Christ in this world,

doing the works of selfdenial, & obedience to the will of God ~~as~~ that Jesus did, do overcome as he did, & their lives are the light of men as his was, they are raised out of the dead as he was, by walking in newness of life. Neither death nor hades can hold them more than they did Jesus, because they have renounced all those pleasures, interests & pursuits which enslave the will of the masses, & hold them fast prisoners in the bondage of corruption. Hence they share in the judgment with Jesus, who is King of kings, & Lord of Lords. Hence he says He that overcometh & keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the Nations, & he shall rule them with a rod of iron. As the vessels of a potter it is breaking them to shivers even as I received of my Father.

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And what can hinder him from exercising this power, having overcome in himself the elements out of which nations are formed, & turned their forces into spiritual & higher channels.

The seeds of all the elements & principles sown in the world, must have time to produce & ripen their fruit before their qualities could be known & their uses determined. Therefore the season of Judgment, is the season of harvest, when souls are reaped from the earth by the testimony of the everlasting gospel, which is proclaimed in the season of Judgment.

John, after describing the character of those who are redeemed from the earth, & from among men, says "I saw an Angel flying in mid heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to every nation, kindred tongue & people, saying Fear God & give Him glory, for the

hour, that is season, fit time, of this Judgment has come. Worship him that made heaven & earth & sea, & fountains of waters.

The world is full of idolatry, in a little more veneer perhaps among nations acquainted with the Jewish Scriptures, than among nations called savage. Some worship their pleasures of eating & drinking & debauchery — Some worship wealth — others power, station, fine equippage dress & fashion. Some worship pictures, paintings, & statues, which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk. & those who worship such things are like unto the things they worship, by lavishing their affections upon them. Where the treasure is, there will the heart be also. ~~The~~ external superfluities which absorb so much care & attention, denote some reserve of self, not yet entirely consecrated to the God who is

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Spirit, & is worshipt only in
Spirit & in truth. After the harvest
of the earth, & the treading of the wine press,
or vintage, the Seer says I saw throne
& they sat on them — & judgment was
given unto them. And I saw the souls
of those who were beheaded thru, or on
account of the testimony of Jesus, & on ac-
count of the word of God, — & who had not
worshipt the Beast nor his image, nor
received his mark upon their foreheads
nor upon their right hand, & they lived
& reigned with Christ a thousand years
This is the first resurrection. Blessed are
they who have part in the first resurrec-
tion. They shall not be hurt with the
second death. They that hear the
gospel & turn from it, after hearing
it with the inward ear, which pro-
duces conviction in the heart, they
fall under the power of the second
death, & will be tormented with fire
till they repent & obey.

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A faithful, conscientious brother, of long privilege, lately askt me why appeal to revelation. Why not be guided by your best & highest reason & let that suffice. I endeavor always to use my reason in the best manner I am able — But reason as part of the intellect, has no light in itself, more than has a magnifying glass or telescopic lens, which gathers & focalizes the light that shines upon it from other sources.

All the light of the human understanding which enables the mind perceive moral distinctions between good & evil, or that raises man above the brute which he is by nature#, is the light of revelation, derived from a source above reason. It# enables him to progress out of animalism into angelhood,

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Man that is in honor & understand-
eth not, is like the beasts that perish.
So foolish was I & ignorant, I was
like a beast before thee. The light of
nature. The light of nature & reason in its
best estate, is compared to the light of
the moon, which shines only by reflect
ing the light of the Sun.

Revelation is compared to the light
of the Sun, & shines from intelligent
orders above, to those of inferior grade
It may be received by reflection from
the the mental atmosphere, surrounding one,
or by labor & prayr & concentration
of mind, by direct communication
with higher Intelligences who dwell
above earthly temptations & contaminations
& above the clouds of wind & storm that
that often obscure the light of reason,
& render the conduct of those whose
chief reliance it is, both flickering
& uncertain.

When Peter said to Jesus, Thou art Anointed, the Son of the living God, Jesus said to him — Blessed art thou Simon son of Jona, flesh & blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father which is in heaven. I say unto thee thou art Peter, that is, a stone, & on this rock, evidently meaning revela-tion, I will build my church.

But to know true from false revela-tion, we must have a perfect test for comparison, given thru a chan-nel too pure & too high to be a medi-um for the communication of error.

Such a channel I believe we have in Jesus Christ, in Mother Ann, — in Father James, Father William, Father Joseph, & some of the Apostles of Jesus.

Jesus testified, while I am in the world, I am the light of the world, He that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life everlasting.

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Jesus lived & moved under the constant inspiration of his Father, in all that part of his life that is known to us. The words that I speak, I speak not of myself, but as my Father gave me commandment, so I say & so I speak & I know that His commandment is life everlasting. The doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. I am the way the truth & the life, If any man keep my word, he shall not see death, but hath past from death unto Life Eternal.

Mother Ann taught a doctrine in perfect agreement with that of Jesus which is proved by the fact that those who received & obeyed her teaching, found protection from sin & power to overcome the world, & [root] cast the nature of sin out of their souls, after they had sought for it in vain among the most zealous of the churches of their day & time.

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"Is it not written, Ask, & ye shall receive, All who seek me with fervor And on me believe — I will heed your entreaties who in faith, ask of me — And a tender loving Parent I will ever be — This to those I give my blessing who will do my will — The true riches be possessing, These your souls will fill — As the tender plant is nourisht with dews from on high Every soul shall grow & flourish Who on me relies".

When the heavenly spirits had about finisht their work among us, of sowing the seed of faith & baptizing the young of that generation with a Holy Spirit, they said — those extraordinary gifts of manifestation would cease for a season, while they were going to operate among

the children of this world, to prepare the way for the spread of the gospel. Tho the gifts of vision & revelation, & speaking for spirits, would be less frequent, the gifts of repentance, of humility — of meekness, simplicity, love & thankfulness & such like, would never be taken from us — but all might have these gifts that would labor for them. This labor of prayr & concentration of mind upon the gift desired, enforces a fasting from other objects, which conditions the mind to receive the gift, & to cherish & nourish it, as a properly adjusted Scion, receives & is nourisht by the sap of a tree. For tho the heavens are full of blessing, & our heavenly Parents & their Ministers are far more willing to give than we are to receive, yet, if they were given to those unprepared to welcome & profit by them,

they would be wasted & trampled under foot. Just as an full fed child or tramp, if you continue giving them victuals, they waste them. As their needs are supplied without cost to them, they will expend no effort to save what costs them no labor.

Moreover, the feeder on detraction, who retails slander, scandal, & garbage of society, & thereby lays stumbling blocks for souls, has no relish for spiritual food — & scornfully tramples the sacred gifts of the Spirit under food. What are they to him but a reproof, sent forth to execute his death warrant, or eternal banishment from the dwellings of the pure. I wish to be correctly understood in this, if I can make it clear. Some claim, & we need not dispute it, that no human being is totally depraved that there is a spark of Deity in every human soul, that can be reacht by love & drawn out to virtue.

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But there is an opposite element
of total wickedness, taken on by
disobedience to Divine Laws.
It was symbolized to John by a specia
Messenger from Jesus Christ, as a
great Red Dragon, having 7 heads
& ten horns, & standing before the wom
an seen in heaven, another symbol
or sign shown to John, to devour her
child, the Spirit of Truth, as soon as
it was born. And so it stands today
before every one that speaks the testi
mony of Truth, to devour or destroy
the truth's effect, that it may not end
his dominion over the minds of men.
And how did he get into heaven. He is
part & parcel of every human being,
that transgresses any of the command-
ments of God. Power was never
given to cast him out until Christ
came. We read there was war in
heaven.

& they cast out the Dragon & all his crew. & they said, Now has come salvation & strength, the kingdom of our God & the Authority of His Anointed. Not till then was a complete separation made between good & evil. And it is the work which we are called into, to carry on this warfare & cast the evil out of our souls.

The Dragon is a bloodshedder, red, & is called there by different names That Old Serpent, called the Devil & Satan. We read of the Serpent that deceived Eve, in the garden of Eden & led her into transgression — & he is still deceiving the Eves & Adams of today, & leading them to violate the laws of Creation. Devil stands for the Greek word Diabolos — Dia, thru — & Bolos a dart, or javelin. i.e. the darter thru — & he is a murderer for he strikes to kill.

Satan is a Hebrew word that signifies an opposer — A plaintiff in a suit of law would be a Satan — So is any one that opposes our efforts to do good — even an evil that may be a Satan to us.

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This Evil in the soul, after one has heard the gospel & rejected it, becomes the Man of Sin, that sits in the Temple of God, the human heart, & exalts itself above all that is called God, or that is worshipt — Showing that himself is God, & ruling in the name of God. As the church of Antichrist has done, after construing the doctrine of Christ so as to make it tolerate all the pleasures & some sins of the world, they claim all the rewards of the faithful cross bearer, while the Man of Sin reigns in their hearts in full strength. Another name for this enemy, which which we are taught to resist & to cast from us, is Accuser — He is accusing the brethren & Sisters before God, day & night. May none of us engage in his service by accusing one another. He is a scandal

monger & backbiter, ever trying with his mud & soot to blacken some body's good character. In the Syraic language, which was used in Christ's day, he was called a Feeder on detraction. I hope none of us are such.

We served God best by keeping His commandments. When we do not serving God, we are serving the opposite Spirit, represented as having 7 heads, of which Heatred, Pride, Loust, Malice, may be named, either of which is capable of absorbing the whole strength of a person mastered by it. The horns represent contention, qarrelsomeness. They are so many powers or passions of the mind performing evil service. We have one Witness to the truth of this in Swedenborg who says that all human souls have a proprium which in its nature is wholly & essentially evil. That it is nothing but evil. It is that

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It is that selfish, self willed, self seek-
ing nature in them, by which they are
born into earthly bodys. He thinks they
or at least he taught when on earth,
& his disciples believe it, that they can
not be entirely deprived of this, without
destroying them as individual con-
scious beings. Hence, all his highest
Angels have this evil proprium, but
subordinated to Good from the Lord.
This proves that the highest Angels
that he communicated with, were
unredeemed. For we read of the
redeemed who stand with the Lamb
on Mt. Zion, that they were without
fault before God - & in their mouths
was found no guile, which could not
be, if any thing essentially evil remained
in them. Hence we know that the
work of the gospel is, to purify the soul
& cast out the evil. That this evil
is a part of every human creature by nature,
(having been received first by disobedience

to the light of God in understand- 69
ing, & increast in strength by
added transgressions), we know from
the fact that every human being, when it
arrives at a point to discriminate be-
tween good & evil, in order to do the
good, has to resist an opposite feeling, to
do some other way, - & (which wishes)
unless this contrary feeling is resisted,
it strengthens itself by indulgence,
& grows with the growth of years,
making the transgressor more & more
unhappy, & adding fuel to the fires of
consumptive punishment.

When the Prophets announce the
destruction of the wicked, it does not
neccessarily imply that souls will be
destroyed, if they are willing to separate
themselves from the evil, when
called upon to do so. But wickedness
itself is to be destroyed or driven from
every part of the Creation of God. And
I am thankful that I live in the dy when
the light shines & the means are given by
which this may be accomplisht in each
soul, for it ends all trouble
& sorrow forever.

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How lovely how precious the soul is to me
Who stands like a rock unshaken & strong
Who swerves not from truth & integrity,
When storms of affliction do roll on, roll on,
Their glory in heaven no mortal can know
Their comfort & joy, can never be told.

I love the day when I gave my whole heart to serve God, & left self out in the cold. It was not a day of 24 hours merely, but a day of salvation, which comprised many natural days.
Previous to that, self was first in my consideration, & tho I knew God was greater, I served Him only with what was left over — or with that which I could not appropriate to self.
I love the day when I turned my back to the world, with all its alluring, deceitful charms — its freedoms which bring the soul into bondage, its fascinating shows, its delusive promises of pleasure, - its riches, ease & honors,

all of which perish & vanish in using — for an eternal inheritance in the everlasting kingdom of God.

My experience accords with what a sister spake here a few weeks ago with regard to reading. When I was receiving my or any spiritual baptism, I could not read what may be called secular reading — i.e. pertaining to worldly affairs, unspiritual, & unreligious, without feeling that I was losing my spiritual gift & element. And I have lost precious spiritual gifts, given to help me in seasons of deep depression, by reading, ~~only~~ perhaps for a few minutes, less than an hour each time, literature quite harmless & proper for the natural mind, but foreign to the labor I needed to be in, to earn my daily spiritual bread.

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Books & all printed papers manuscripts & other literature have souls, which emanate from the mind & motives of their writers. Their different qualities are perceived in their spiritual atmosphere by clairvoyants in certain states of sensitiveness — It is proved with regard to manuscripts, by psychometry. Certain persons can describe the character of a perfect stranger from a letter held in their hand, written by the stranger & without knowing the contents of the letter or seeing a written character.

People who do not believe these things are so, would be more honorable, not to parade their ignorance by boasting of their unbelief, but seek to inform themselves, & thereby learn Wisdom.

To inspire, means to inspirit. All who read with interest that absorbs what they read, are inspired by the spirits that inspired the writer of what he is reading.

I have been led to believe, that every book & communication that is written, is an open avenue to the class of spirits, who inspired the writing of it. We see accounts in the papers from time to time of the arrest of young people in their teens, who have banded together to practice crime, inspired thereto by reading dime novel literature, etc.

People who write for earthly gain, are not inspired from a plain above that on which they are living. They may at times mount in thot to higher regions, but the mercenary motive stamps the whole, & ~~more~~ frequently sinks the writer's thots to quite unworthy themes & topics, & the general impression made on the sensitive reader, is far from uplifting. And a vast amount of literature advertised & puffed in the papers for the money that is hoped for, which is nothing but trash, & some, exceedingly vile. Away with it. Burn it

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"Living souls for heaven bound;
Lo! the Savior calls you,
Onward, onward persevere,
And love ye one another—
Follow me & learn of me,
For I am meek & lowly,
Then light shall your burdens be,
And your garments holy."

Are we following the Savior? Are we thotfully, carefully, prayrfully copying ~~following~~ his example — Or are we looking to the world for improvement.

Our Savior, neither Jesus nor Mother ever set an example of seeking earthly gain: — they never made earthly goods their treasure nor pursuit. They taught us to renounce the gold & silver & houses & lands, & all the wealth & glory of this world, for an inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Their first & highest aim was to obey the commandments of God to them, & to heed all monitions of conscience, — to enlighten souls who are wandering in darkness & ignorance, & to persuade them to renounce all pleasure seeking, self indulgence, & all earthly selfish possessions, that they might become children of light, & heirs to a heavenly inheritance that fadeth not away.

All self seeking, self pleasing indulgence, & desire for earthly possessions, leads souls into bondage to the elements of this world, & to their base, animal passions, & causes them to sin against God — & to disregard the light He has given them, till they become lost in darkness, & are preyed upon by evil spirits — & unable to deliver themselves without help.

Christ alone is able to deliver then, & all who follow Christ in the regeneration, are Saviors, & laborers in this work.

If any who profess to follow Christ, feel no interest in this matter, they need to enter into a labor of self-examination to discover how they are investing life - or where their strongest interest lays, - or whether they have any interest but barely to live, & extract all the pleasure they can from the passing moments.

Where one's treasure is, there will the heart be also - And, we are told by inspired Messengers, "Those who-ve nought but earthly store, make neither son nor daughter" in the Spiritual kingdom which abides forever.

When such, enter the spirit world, as all must, whether prepared or not, they will have neither substantial food, nor treasure, nor nolej, nor faculties developt, that will enable them to perceive & enjoy the advantages of that

higher, purer, freer ~~world~~ —
Because they have not cultivated nor sought them here — but chose rath to remain ignorant of every kind of nol of that would cost them any self denial.
This world is designed to be a state of preparation for a far better & happier one, if we know how, & will apply our nolej for that purpose.
The poet truly says "Our deeds still travel with us from afar, And what we have been, makes us what we are."
Thru the molding power of tho't, desire, & action, not by any one of these alone, but by all combined, we can change ourselves from what we are, to anything that we rationally & consistently wish to be.
To follow natural inclination & drift with the current, is to be a slave of circumstances — to be distracted at times by conflicting desires, — to be agitated & tost by restless passions, that are fierce & savage masters, cruel & revengeful, but when subdued by the cross of Christ, are docile & helpful servants.

The revelation of ~~the gospel~~ Christ, that is given us in the gospel of Jesus & Mother, is a revelation of the Laws & principles of the Kingdom of Eternal Life, that is to increase & stand forever.

By conforming our conduct to these laws & bending our desires to reach this kingdom, & directing our thots. in a channel to effect it, we can become whatever we rationally wish to be, or subjects prepared for this everlasting Kingdom. The Spirit said to Moses I will be what I will be when he asked what name he should tell the people to whom Moses was sent to lead them out of bondage,

Without the gospel of Christ, not one of us can escape bondage to the world & to our own lusts — with it, with it, we can be are what we will be.

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I know that my Redeemer liveth
His saving power I feel: I
will praise his name forever,
With earnest & untiring zeal.
He hath lifted me up from tempt
ation & hath lit up the dome of my
soul, I am bathed in his glory,
I will praise him, forever, while eternal ages roll.

C. G. R.

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Who & what is this Redeemer?
It is the Power of God & the Wisdom
of God, the Creator & Ruler of all things
that abide in obediance to His
commands: I first received
nolej of that Power & Wisdom, thru
Elders, Brethren & Sisters, who had for
saken the world, its honors, & freedoms, its
pleasures & possessions, & crucified their
own wills, that they might consecrate

their all to God, & spend their lives in doing His will, in preferance to following their own, knowing it would bring a more satisfactory reward. In that spiritual service, they imparted their nolej to me, as I was able to receive it. They constantly referred me to their Teachers, particularly to Jesus Anointed & to Ann Lee Anointed, & to their coworkers, as the first Agents to communicate that nolej to mankind. And I appealed to the Fountain Head in deep labor & travail of soul, lasting thru weeks & months, to know what I must do to fulfill the highest purpose for which life had been given to me by that Power & Wisdom which guides the Obedient, & which hears & answers sincere, fervent, prayer of Faith.

I received confirmation beyond all possibility of doubt or mistake, That the teaching I had received from Gospel Parents, was from a Divine Source, & that my present & everlasting happiness depended & depends upon my willing obedience thereto. My faith in the principles & requirements of the Gospel of Christ — of Mother Ann's Gospel — of Father Joseph's Gospel, — & the Gospel of all the Ministry & Elders who walk in their steps, has never wavered a moment since said nolej was imparted to me as a revelation in my own soul. I have been learning & proving by practice, ever since. And I behold a boundless field before me, in which to advance, & satisfy all my craving for nolej,

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While assisting others at the same time— A nolej concealed from the wise & learned of this world, because they have not sought it as they should, yet, as it concerns their immortal welfare, it is of highest importance to them & to me, & when they come to it, all will have to gain it by like sacrifices & self denials as I have had to make.

What is this nolej. It is nolej of a higher, purer, freer, happier state of existence, in a fairer brighter world than than this, from which all sorrow, pain, sin, discord & affliction are excluded, & a nolej of what we must do all along in the present, to get there, & to qualify ourselves to belong there. For qualifying ourselves to belong there, is the only way to earn an inheritance there— & the only way to get there, except by trance or vision, which allows but a short visit.

This nolej cometh by hearing, & hearing by the Word of God, spoken by His Messengers. who have given up their own wills, crucified them, to do God's will.

There is a great difference between those who sacrifice their own wills to do God's will, & those who live chiefly for their own pleasure, feeding the desires of their natural life, so far as their relations to Society will allow. One is fed from a spiritual Source, & is growing unto a spiritual birth into the elements & principles of eternal Life – a Life that is hid from the world – a life that knows no death, but only everlasting increase with Christ, in God.

The other feeds on a life that is necessarily limited, & full of illusions, subject to pain, disappointments, corruption, deformity & death – leaving the soul that has refused an offer of the higher, in a wilderness of uncertainty.

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What are the conditions neccessary to receive the higher & only enduring life. We must obey the commandments given thru those anointed agents who have surrendered their own self pleasing wills to do God's will, from Jesus Anointed & Ann Lees Anointed — & those who follow in their steps as Leaders of the people to the present day. Each separate command precept, doctrine is a manifestation of the Law of that higher life.

Every violation of those commands is a sin, that must be put away by confessin in order to advance in the perfect way. + in order to be cut off from the old, which must all be left behind to enter the new, where there is nothing to afflict or annoy. For God is light, & in Him is no darkness — & those who come to God, must come into the light, works & all, that all which is not of God, may be cast out.

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& perhaps debating in their minds whether life is worth living, or whether it is a blessin or a curse.

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A spiritual blessing I crave
Above the enjoyments of earth,
A spirit adorning, this prize everlasting,
Bright treasure of infinite worth—
O what on this earth can compare,
With ~~the~~ beauty of purified souls,
Heavens vestments they constantly wear,
Tis with such that my treasure's enrolled.

A marvellous creation is the human soul; it is ~~even but~~ a seed, a germ of what it is yet to be. It is called a harp of a thousand strings.

As well call it a Palace of a thousand halls or apartments, or a kingdom of many countries—i.e. capable of becoming such, when duly unfolded. Adorned with more beauty & magnificence than mortal mind can ~~im~~ imagine, shedding forth health, light, joy & blithesomeness wherever it goes or rests.

How supremely foolish & idiotic

to blight & dwarf this glorious capacity by selfish indulgence, during the early season of growth, of any of the animal passions, which were created to be slaves or instruments of service, to the rational & immortal part & not masters. Thus some, cudgel their nobler faculties for years into extracting the flavor of tobacco & shedding it forth to defile everything it touches — others become slaves to intoxicating drinks which rob them of intelligence & sinks them below the beasts of the field to lie unconscious in destitution & filth — others, by gratifying other lusts, which can never be satisfied & which weaken & destroy the will, so corrupt & defile their bodies, physical & spiritual, that no clean, pure spirit dares to get near them, because of the danger of becoming polluted by them. And it will take many long years, & great suffering to overcome the evil effects of sins committed in this life

by those who seek pleasure in unrighteousness. Mother Ann, to whom the states of the dead were like an open book, said "You cannot conceive the immense sufferings souls have to pass thru, who leave this world in their sins. Those in a travel, these have to travel from prison to prison — i.e. those in the lower or dark spheres. They are black & dark on account of the sins they keep covered up in them — And these prisons they have made for them selves, by the selfish lives they have lived in the body.

Confession & repentance is the means provided in the gospel for taking away these sins, & for gaining power over these selfish propensities which lead careless minds to dwarf & mar the development of their souls. Happy will all those be, who are faithful to apply these means, while they have the opportunity. If those for whom these things are spoken refuse to believe — I do not condemn them but the words that I speak are true, & will condemn them when they wake up at the end of their tether, as they surely will.

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"This gospel subjection, alas says the flesh,
Is something I did not foresee;
To part with my property, kindred & cash,
Was not half so galling to me.
I rather would be in a dungeon confined,
Or gloriously burn at the stake,
Than give up the free exercise of my mind,
And all my own wisdom foresake.

Salvation to God, says the good honest soul!
I joyfully hail the glad day—
When all fleshly wisdom, dominion & rule
Must be taken out of the way.
Now gospel subjection shall be my delight,—
In this I am happy & free,
And Christ in my Elders, I freely invite
To take the dominion in me.

The Order of God is my ultimate choice
And here I can safely repose;
And in the good spirit I'll ever rejoice
Thru whatever member it flows.
The will of the flesh, I shall ever deny,
In subordination be free
Until I can say It is no more I,

But Christ that is living in me."

Western Hymn Book, 114

I have always understood that the work of our gospel, received from Christ thro Mother & her successors, is an individual work of voluntary obedience, to the establisht orders — to the teachings of Christ — to the counsels & direction of of our Elders, in all matters pertaining to our daily conduct. It is a continual selfdenying, selfhumiliating work, till the cross is worn out, & pride no more can lift itself up, nor self will hatch a rebellious thot against the Order & working of that system which is grinding it to powder.

Father Joseph, by whom was establisht the system of Orders, which all organized families of Believers have received as the standard of obedience, to this day, labored as much in union with Mother Ann, as tho she had been in the body, & had personally directed him; Mother Ann when in the body, after she had labored out of a carnal, worldly nature, was as much in union with Jesus Christ, & probably more so, in all that she did for the people, than she could have

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been if he had personally appeared in a body of flesh, to give her specific direction. Mother testified that he was her head & Lord — he was therefore her constant Inspirer or Mentor, whom she con versed with daily, face to face, as one friend converses with another.

As he is head over all to his congre gation, he must have instructed her how to proceed in many emergencies. A physical body added, would have been as another veil between them, & an ob- struction in lieu of advantage.

Jesus when about to leave the world said to his Apostles, I am the vine ye are the Branches, They were one substance & nourisht from one Source. Apart from me ye can do nothing. To be divided or separated from the vine, was to wither & perish to the life thereof.

The Apostles were afterward anointed & baptized with same Spirit that, anointed Jesus & made him the Christ. Of course there must be compliance,

& willing obedience in the subject, or it cannot operate effectively. To be careless & indifferent is to grieve the Holy Spirit. The Apostles & their Successors in the Eldership, so long as they bore the cross of Christ, in obedience to the Holy Spirit, constituted the Righteous Branch God promist to raise up unto David & formed a nucleus for souls to gather to, who sought deliverance from the oppressions of the world, thru the power of self denial, that destroys the nature of sin. When they ceased to walk in humility, & by division & contentions one against another, let in the spirit of darkness, of pride & ambition to rule among them, they lost their power over sin, & fell back into the elements of the world; Having forsaken the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of entire consecration & obedience to the commandments of Christ the anointing & all holy Spirits forsook them. This falling away was fore seen in the days of Jeremiah, in the time of the destruction of the first figarative temple — & God promist to raise up another Branch, & this is the name wherewith She shall be called, the first

being a he. The Lord our Righteousness
Mother said of Father Joseph, Joseph
is my first born Son in America.
He is my Apostle in the Ministry.
He is my first Bishop. What he
does, I do. He will gather the
Church into Order. Father Joseph
& Mother Lucy, appointed Leaders
& Elders in the various families,
to be Guides & Teachers in their
respective places, & to form centers
of union for the people to gather to
for counsel, direction, & protection
from sin. These, acting in union
& concert with the Ministry before
them, guided by the Holy Spirit, form
the second Branch, proceeding primarily
thro the free woman, whose seed
was promist, 6.000 years or more since
should break the Serpent's head. This
is the standard which God has raised &
not man. They who fight against this

Order, fight against God & their own souls.

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Ministry & Elders are clothed with authority to lead, to guide, instruct, & to entreat, plead, & reprove, where reproof is needed, & to judge & protect the people, & to cut off from the body all dead branches. If there is now & then one that turns out false to the anointing & does not repent while they may be forgiven, becomes a Judas, which God forbid, they are never all false, neither can be, since woman has travelled to her lot, and both parts of manhood have become resurrected and qualified for the Order. The christian resurrection, is rising up out of the death in which all mankind are by nature, into the life of the Spirit. It is a law of absolute necessity that we must die to the first life in old Adam, to rise in the new life in Christ. The Order of God is given us from heaven to enable us to effect this change. But the earthly, natural man & woman, corrupted by the nature of the Serpent, rebels against it, in every fiber of his being. Man says it cant be so - it can't be carried out. people wont submit to it - it will be a failure.

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As Father James testified this blessed gospel "is the gate of heaven & we know it. It is the only means of salvation that will ever be offered to sinners". This gospel of confessing & forsaking all sin, is the last display of God's grace to a lost world. How important then that souls who wish to escape from the world of sin, & from bondage to their lusts, & to consecrate their lives henceforth wholly to Divine Service, when they come here, should find help & right direction; & a righteous sample &

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Come on dear companions, we're are travelling homeward, Travelling away from the darkness of night— Let us go willingly, thankfully, joyfully— Let us go on to the mansions of light. Let us go up to the mountain of glory, Sure is the way tho the progress is slow, For as we're rising from glory to glory, All that draws backward, we must part with, we know.

Ideals are spiritual entities, that have great power over human conduct as inspirer, of all nobler heroic, selfsacrificing effort— Ideals [illegible] will be false, or true, ugly or beautiful – pure or impure, according to state of the affections, & the quality of the mind that conceives them. Ideals may be awakend or planted in the mind by the action of other minds upon it. Most Ideals perhaps come to us at first, in this way. If we wish to improve a person, or a child, or to change one from a wrong to a right line of conduct, we try to implant in their minds, as pure & perfect an ideal of what we wish them to attain to, as we are able

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to draw or paint to their minds eye. And in this, there is no exaggeration. We know it it is impossible for us to exceed or equal the reality of spiritual gifts, or exaggerate the beauty & perfection of character that may be attained, & that has been attained by some of us, in obedience to our gospel. How short sighted & unwise then to mar & blur the copy which earnest & devoted souls, are laboring to perfect, for the guidance of the younger & less experienced & if possible, to persuade those who have not yet begun the work, to cast away their fear of the cross, & enter it as the most noble, best paying cause they can give their life to.

Is Christ divided? We know that Christ, is unity, love & harmony, in perfect obedience to the will of God. Where a party spirit rules, there is envy, strife & confusion, & every evil work follows. Therefore a party spirit is forever banisht from the house of God.

Guidance.

Will God establish an Order for salvation, & the protection of souls, that is really needless, & when it is despised & set at nought by the wisdom of [illegible]

will He proceed to deliver them by some other means, not so humiliating to pride, nor so galling to self will, neither of which can find any place in His kingdom of everlasting life & peace. We have His word thru His inspired Messengers, there is but one way by which souls can be saved & redeemed from loss, the way of confessing & forsaking all sin & daily obedience, & the terms are equal & alike to all.

Man lost his union with God & fell into darkness & confusion & many trials he need not of had, by disobedience; Man must regain his union with his Creator by obedience. He has set up a standard & establisht an order among men, thru which we may know from day to day, what is required of us. Can the love of God or the love that Christ has for souls, inspire any one, high or low, to speak disparagingly of that Order or cast a slur upon it, or publish unnecessarily things past, that tendency to create distrust, & irreverence for the Order.

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Would the Spirit of God, after instructing us that our life from the heavens, & ability to bear fruit to His honor, glory of God depends on our union to this Order, — Would the same spirit tell us we can be just as good without it, thereby implying it is unnecessary to come to it. That would be a contradiction, by which we know one of these propositions is ~~false, of the motive, perhaps, is from the utterer~~ false; Truth never contradicts itself.

Apart from me, says the Anointed One, ye can do nothing. It is not denied that many individuals, who know nothing of this Order, are preserved from sinning for a time. So also, many, after a struggle of prayer & labor to have their sins forgiven, have felt release from them for a time, as we have heard testified, but they return again, as often as they are taken away, till they are brought to light before the judgment of Christ in his people. We do not hear that the condemnation returns after that, to those who repent & leave them behind.

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It is an opinion of the wise & learned in a natural sense, that souls cannot be lost. But from the standpoint of the Sons & Daughters of God, souls in nature's darkness are lost, like a person without a guide in a trackless desert, that dont know the way out. Or like one in the midst of an extensive forests inhabited by wild beasts & poisonous serpents, far from any human habitation. What will it profit a man, if he gain the whole world & lose his own soul, or what will a man give his soul in exchange for. Mother Ann said she had seen souls wandering in eternity trying to find God, & crying till to appearance they had worn gutters in their cheeks, large enuf to lay her fingers in. This is not incredible, if we consider that the intensity of woe that found vent in tears, corroded & eat away the substance which formed the cheeks.

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Bro. Daniel Mosely used to say, The blood of souls, tints deep. I say it tints deep. It will be found difficult to wash out. Father James is recorded as saying I would not mar one soul among you, for a thousand worlds. I love all – I desire the salvation of all – I would not wound one soul, but with wounds of truth, that wounds to heal. I love sincerity, honesty, reverence & devotion to the Truth, & willingness to serve in whoever it may be, & I would build up all Godly virtues by word & example – I would preserve a teachable, childlike Spirit, that is first pure & then peaceable, easily persuaded of the right – full of mercy & good fruits.

If askt what the system of the gospel is, I would say First, It's an Order of Ministers & Elders, or Teachers raised up & anointed with a Holy Spirit to instruct & guide, & administer the power of Salvation to any who desire it, & are willing to comply with the terms offered. Second – It is the doctrines precepts & commandments

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given thru them for the rule of life & conduct, in all (subjects & would be subjects) of the Kingdom of heaven. This Order of Messengers or Ministers includes all who have been faithful to the Anointing in union with the body, (& no others), from Jesus Anointed, down to the present Ministry & Elders.

These are all one in Spirit, & all faithful believers who walk in subjection to them, are one with them. This is the faithful Shepherd of whom it is written I will give you Pastors according to my heart, & they shall feed you with knoledg & understanding, in the way of life eternal.

Third: The gospel of Order, chiefly establisht by Father Joseph & Mother Lucy & their co-laborers. These are important, for without obedience to these, we cannot be ~~virtually~~ fully separated from the world, & conformed to the Order of the kingdom of heaven, or bring forth the fruits thereof except in a limited degree.

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The Orders of God are as way marks of safety,
The watch Towers of Israel diffusing their light,
That no one may stray from the high path of duty,
Or be lost in the darkness of night.
God's watchman are there, His holy Anointed
Who will keep the flame burning bright—
Let us all seek His blessing thru the Order appointed, Reflecting His wisdom & might. (1)

3 The Order of the Anointed is necessary not only for present direction, but to support all new growth, & give it life & strength from the root. I am the vine, says the first Anointed Son of God, & ye are the branches. He was addressing those whom he had called & commissioned to continue in this world, after his departure, the work His Father & their Father had appointed them to do. All new growth of the vine, is at the end of the branches. It is not in the Order of things for fruit to grow on the root without a branch between. So our spiritual Leaders, form the branch which enables souls or buds growing at the end of the branch, to draw life from the root, in heaven. When ye see the branches flourish, know ye that the root is holy.

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The Orders of God, are a light to those who keep them. The law is a light, says the ancient proverb. There are most precious promises attacht to the keeping of good Order, which is nothing less than keeping the commandments of Christ, that is, of the Anointed, thru whom they were given. How can one reasonably complain of not receiving the help promist, if he violates the commandment. He who obeys the commandment, not for [illegible] but all the way along,

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The covenant God has made with His people in this day, is that the soul that regards the Orders of God, God will regard their protection tho they be unable to help themselves as the dust

under their feet. The Orders of the gospel, are Zion's wall of protection from all the wild beasts that roam in the wilderness of this world, & from the devouring elements that carry devastation & ruin to the haunts of the Disobedient. Some will ask Why we are not protected. Surely – Why do we expect protection, if we disregard the Orders given to protect us? (2)

(4) We are told that if any one will live to the highest light that is in him, he will be protected from sin & the works of the flesh as well on the rocky mountains, as here in Mt. Lebanon. (5) I would under all circumstances, encourage every one, to live to the highest light that is in him or her. To strive, struggle & agonize for it with all possible effort. that is duty, & for the best good of each. The path of the just is as a shining light, which shineth brighter & briter unto the Perfect Day. But what is the Perfect Day. It is the Day of the Anointed, who is the Light of the world. It depends on an Order of people raised up & anointed with a Holy Spirit to ~~communicate~~ execute God's will and Law, & take the dominion over, & to Judge & Rule the world. First having gained dominion over self, thru a faultless obedience to the Order made known. Obedience to the Order establisht, is the test of our light, as to whether it be a true or false light. The true light is that which lighteth every one that cometh into the world – & leads to oneness of perception, desire, & purpose, which makes harmony. That light, supposed to be such, which produces division, contention & debate

among members, in violation of Order, is a false light, ~~that lets in~~ dark deceiving spirits, ~~which~~ obscure the Day, and lead out from the fold & not into it.

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Will any reasonable person believe that God having established an Order for accomplishing a certain work, will ignore that Order by performing the work some other way. I believe their power to live to their highest light for any considerable length of time, will depend on their joining to others who have the same degree of light & are obedient thereto. (5)

But how about this light? (101)

It is not born in us. It is first received either thru pious Parents, or the guardians of our infancy — or other associates, and in quality, partakes of the channel thru which it is received. It exists in different degrees also, according to capacity for receiving, & opportunity of communicating with those who have it — varying all the way from starlight to meridian sun light. How can we know who has the highest?

(2) Speaking of some who had a light that condemned the works of the Flesh, & did not obey it; till they found Mother's gospel light. It was answered, because their light was not clear. May be not. If so, what made it clear afterward, if not their union with those who had received power over that, fallen nature. Mother Ann had that light before she was baptized with the Holy Spirit, but declined, & for a time, fell under the power of the Adversary. But later on she received clear light & power to live up to it, from the Lord Jesus Anointed, after a labor of 12 days & nights, which prepared her for the Interview.

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She communicated that clear light & power to others, who imparted the same to successors, thru whom it has reacht us. This light is in the world it is true, (we believe that some are living up to it,) but it is not clear there, being mixt with tares of the enemy, which there is no authority given to separate, till the harvest, when souls are cut off from their life stalks or roots in the world, & called to judgment, by the Testimony of the everlasting gospel. Till that gospel was revealed thru Mother, there was no criterion given by which a ~~clear~~ line of absolute distinction could be certainly drawn between good & evil, truth & error, & the light be wholly separated from darkness.

Souls in the world may receive great light, but it will not be continuous & entirely satisfactory, till the book of their lives is read before the Judgment seat of the Anointed, establisht in his people, & the tares are weeded out. Till then, some of the most darling indulgences of the world are not regarded as sins.

Who then shall degrade, or
contemn, or destroy reverence for this
Order, seeing it is the Arm of Deity,
extended for the rescue of perishing souls,
& be guiltless. Will one foolishly sever
the rope that holds him from falling into
the abyss of darkness & woe, because some
who were deputed to hold the rope have maltreated
him. Will it relieve & comfort him to lay
stumbling blocks before the young &
inexperienced, that shall cause them to
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If some Leaders have committed errors that tended to destroy reverence & create distrust in those who lookt to them for help & counsel, - if those errors shed their [illegible]

evil influence of a bad example where ever known, if I spread that evil broadcast, in violation of gospel Order, I make my self partaker of the sin, by multiplying & extending its evil influence. Let us not do evil that good may come - for every effect is like its cause.

If I sow the seeds of division & distrust among comrades, called out from the world, to cultivate one interest, desire & purpose, that we may conquer self, & show forth the unity & harmony of Sons & Daughters of God, before the world, I make myself a transgressor. Tho I do it openly, & believe I am following my highest light, while strengthening the hands of opposers & paining the hearts of the consecrated,

I am deceived — My light is inferior to the light of gospel Order, which I have wilfully set at nought, to force my judgment of the conduct of the Leaders, on the attention of the body. Having discovered that my highest light, backed up by selfwill, is inferior to the light in gospel Order, & to the counsel of the Anointing, which rests upon comrades of equal & perhaps superior consecration & service to my own, I submit my will & light to theirs, lest I become as a falling star which has lost its Orbit, & after emitting a blaze of light for a little distance, is suddenly quencht in perpetual darkness. Or what amounts to the same, become an apostle of Satan, working in disguise as an apostle of Christ — being self deceived. Which need not be wondered at, since Satan himself, the Chief of rebels, assumes the appearance of an Angel of light, in which disguise he accuses the brethren before God, day & night. And Jesus predicted that false Prophets (or Teachers) & false Annointeds would arise & show credentials that would if possible deceive the Elect.

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These things are not spoken to reflect censure upon any one or ones, but to point out the misleading character of a light which ~~causes~~ any individual however, talented or sincere, to sit in public judgment on the Anointed & their doings, holding them forth for condemnation by the multitude. The light possest by individuals, may be, & often is, a mixture of true & false, ~~so that he who has it, is unable to perceive the difference, without bringing~~ his light & his conduct to the test of gospel Order, which never errs — & submitting all to the judgment of the Anointed — from which, tho some individuals may err & fall, they cannot all err from the right at once.

From page 82, has been writ when I felt the impression, that the ideas might not escape me. Only page 108 was read as written. Some of the ideas were spoken, in a softened manner, to not arouse opposition. by an accusing aspect — or appearing argumentative

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"Let Zion move as the heart of one
Let her light shine forth as the rising sun,
And let her people all become Baptized
with fire from heaven. Send holy
Inspiration down, Heavenly Father
from thy throne, Leave O Leave us
not alone, Angel guides direct us."

The true, spiritually baptized
followers of Christ are actuated by a united in-
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we mean, the interest of each is the
interest of all, & vice versa – & the ruling desire of
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ruling purpose of each & all, is to
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& selfishness in themselves, each one
for one, no one can do this for another,
& last, but not least, to extend the
Kingdom of God on earth, by gather
ing souls to the gospel of confessing

& forsaking all sin, & of mutual serving, till the kingdom of heaven is formed within them. — This laying down of our life in serving others, that we may find it again in the service that is rendered by others to us, involves a daily cross which cuts selfishness up by the roots.

The organization of Believers, called the church, which means the family, or visible body of Christ — the Orders of the gospel, — the testimony which reproves our errors & short comings — the instructions we receive for guidance, & all spiritual gifts, are aids by which to accomplish the aforementioned purposes. All who are joined to the head of the body, thru their Elders, are members one of another, & all the members are one body. Every one should keep in closest union with their Elders, to whom should be laid open all the secret transactions of one's life, & nothing or nobody by evil report, which

oftenest is false report, or by scandal or detraction, should be allowed to come between a soul & its Elders, to weaken confidence in them as spiritual guides. Any one not joined to the body thru the Elders who are faithfully laboring to fulfill their calling, as I believe all our present Elders are, are not members of the body, but parasites, consuming ~~the~~ and trampling the bread of the ~~the life~~ children to feed their selfishness under their feet.

No ~~ordinary~~ genuine members of the body, will be found sowing weakness, distrust, or discontent, by grumbling, murmuring & complaining out of order — or by false judging, & evil speaking, all of which, are tares of the enemy, & they who sow them are serving their enemies, (evil spirits) instead of friends, And if not confest & repented of in time, these evils will be found built into the astral dwelling & woven into the astral garments of the soul; a very undesirable possession, hampering ones movements, & difficult to remove.

They will have to be removed by the fire which causes weeping & gnashing of teeth, for that is the destination of the tares, & of suls that cultivate tares in lieu of wheat, till their period of probation is past. If then there is any good in them which cannot be hurt by the fire, it will be comparetivaly small to what it might have been — because the time & talents that were given them to cultivate & gain good, was spent in folly & self indulgence, & the glory that would have arisen from voluntary obedience, in the presence of temptation was never born.

In my child hood days, we learned a riddle — Where force & strength can not get thru, I, with a gentle touch can do. — This is what can be done thru reverence, toward training & improving the mind. Reverence is the key to all spiritual knowledge, & the unfoldment of a pure & noble character, The mind that is destitute of reverence, is dead at the top

The intellect may spread (121)
laterally like roots under ground,
but the high aims & pure aspirations
which lift the soul sunward into the
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plant, which needs cultivating. We
speak about finding God in our brethren
& sisters – that is in each other – then
why should we not cultivate reverence
for each others virtues – But we
cannot do that by unnecessary fault finding & picking
flaws, or by speaking unkindly one of
another – & much less by speaking harshly
to vent angry or discontented feelings.
If we have such feelings, which all are
liable to have, at times, they should not be
allowed ~~a~~ tongue, but let them decompose
within us, or chemicalize, as some would
express it, & become fertilizers for some
thing

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pure, noble & beautiful. The self restraint practiced from such a motive, will add to our strength & force of character. In the time of our spiritual manifestations, were given us presents from the spirit world of bridles to bridle our tongues. If any one seemeth to be religious among you, & bridleth not his tongue, that ones religion is vain.
The unrestrained tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity, & setteth on fire the wheel of nature. It is sharp as a razor — its cuts like a sword, it pierces like a dart, when the instrument of anger or of rebellion. The rod maketh stripes, but the tongue breaketh bones. If any one offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, & able to bridle the whole body.
Therewith bless we God the Father, & therewith curse we man, the children of God. Trials, discontent & unreconciled

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"I need the love & union & blessing,
Of all my good brethren & sisters I know.
To help me perform my long journey,
For dangers & perils I have to wade
thru." I need at all times, the
union of all who are travelling in
the gospel path, & laboring to subdue
a selfish carnal nature, by the daily cross; & that is
the only any one who has a carnal not subdued
nature, can travel the heavenly road.
In union is strength. The unity of
the Spirit, is the bond of peace. I chuse
to have my name written in that bond.
Love is the life of the soul. Love
is the heavenly bread – Love makes
our cares & burdens lighter, & joins
us to Christ our head, Love makes us
at one with each other.

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Love forms all the heaven we have here below, But if we would reap it, Pure love we must sow. Pure love is not partial, It is glad to serve all, & takes delight in pleasing, & in obeying laws & commandments of God. In pure love there are no harsh judgments, no unfriendly criticisms — no unseemly behavior — & no hard speeches to wound or grieve the Holy Spirit of Charity — no party divisions. No grumbling, no murmuring, no unreconciliation to the cross. Blessing is the off-spring of love. To bless, is to make blithe, or happy —

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"The Lord will have a chosen few,
Who to the gospel will prove true,
His holy power will bear them thru,
To reign o'er sin victorious —
Those who the tide of nature stem,
His wings of love will cover them,
Yea they shall shine like precious gems
(Only a great deal brighter) How beauti
ful & glorious."

Only the Power of God can shield us from our enemies, & enable us to triumph in victory over them. But if we are to have this Power, we must obey the commandments of God, given from time to time thru His Messengers. For God is a God of Order, & not of confusion.

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& the nearer we come to God, the more Order He requires.

Some are so firm in the belief that God does everything according to fixt laws, they profess to think it useless to pray to Him, because they say, God is unchangable & acts by unchangeable laws & prayer cannot change Him — their narrow vision does not see that it is part of that law, that His rational creatures shall pray to Him, & that they shall be answered too, according to their need & deserts. Yet these same ones perhaps, who believe the Creator so punctual in keeping His own laws, seem to think it a matter of secondary importance for them to obey the commandments given for a law, to regulate their daily conduct,

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particularly if it be somewhat inconvenient, or extremely crossing to obey. When we wilfully or carelessly violate the orders of God, we go outside of His dominion; that is, the dominion He exercises over us - we are outside the pale of His protection, a prey to any mischievious or malicious spirit that comes along. We lose from our spiritual inheritance in the world to come, the power, the freedom, the symmetry, beauty of character, & the peace of mind, that the discipline of obedience here, is designed to give us in the great hereafter. Unless we see our mistake & repent, & exert ourselves to make up lost time before it is too late.

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These changes cannot be so easily made after our task in time is completed, & taken out of the loom of life.
Unredeemed spirits tell us, it will take 100 years to accomplish over there, what can be achieved here in one, in allusion to our selfreforming, selfimproving capacity. By unredeemed spirits, I mean those who have been called to the judgment of confessing & forsaking sin. We have reason to believe that changes in character are much greater & more rapid after entering upon that work than before. But according to Mother Ann's testimony, it is attended with far greater sufferings, there, than it is here.
Mother once bade some people to kneel & pray that God would continue them in this world, till they had time to repent of all their sins, for, said she, You know not the immense sufferings souls have to pass thru, who leave this world in their sins.

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They have to travel from prison to prison, to find the mercy of God.

We are greatly favored to have this call in time. Happy, thrice happy will those be who improve it well. Miserably unhappy will they be who allow it to pass by unimproved.

I would counsel these young people & children, if you wish to be good, & I think it is rare to find one that wants to be bad - if there are such, it is no proper place for them here — if you wish to be happy - if you wish to make your life worth living - & a blessed gift to you, go to your Elders or caretakers & ask a privilege, those of you who have not done it, to confess all the faults & sins & disobediences that you ever committed, & then leave them behind — & resolve never to do any thing secretly or privately that you

would not like to be caught at. And if you get overcome to do rong again, be honest to confess it, at the first chance, & if none offers, ask for it — & so continue till you overcome temptation, & you will be more thankful than your tongues can express.

The word of God, however sharp against evil, is always love & charity to souls. Mother told the Brethren & Sisters at Union Village, She had more love for souls than any of them — but she had no sympathy for the flesh. The love of Christ, from which true sympathy flows, is the blood of Christ, that nourishes & supports the body — & washes & cleanses the from all stain — & this pure love, as Father James said, will burn up all evil. The fire of God that consumes all things contrary to the spirit of holiness, is the love of God. Even the chastisements of God, are in love to the soul.

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"The Savior said feed my lambs,
And if thou lovest me, Thou wilt
stretch forth a helping hand, to all who
re called by me – The cup of water
kindly given, Each act of love to these,
Is well recorded in the heavens, And
doth thy Savior please".

Who is this Savior that is speaking?
& where can we find him? There are
some here that have very little idea of
a Savior, or any need of one. They are
contented to be themselves, with all their
pride, lust, selfishness, & hate, & deceitful works
covered up in them with a veneer of hypoc
risy – & carried along, ready to break out into
fierce contention, when any thing offends their
& ignorant self conceit.

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People who are satisfied with themselves as Nature made them, feel no need of a Savior. They do not appreciate the hand extended to instruct & lead them out of nature's dark & thorny paths, into the way of righteousness, other than as an enemy, come to disturb their selfcomplacency.

This is that swinish nature concerning which, a Divine Teacher said, Cast not your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet & turn again & rend you.

We all have a portion of this nature in us, by inheritance, & some have much more than others. It was a saying ascribed to Mother Hannah of Harvard, that some have to travel 20 years, to get where others are born.

There is no blame attacht to any one for what we are by inheritance. But one is to blame, for being contented to remain in it. Mother Ann said God does not look upon souls according to their lost natures, but according to their desires after Heim.

If we have no desire to improve by subduing our passions & cultivating the spiritual element of our being, we shall be at times, intensely disagreeable not only to those who love refinement, selfcontrol, & the improvement of their best faculties, but to comrades of the same ilk — & the character thus formed will finally separate us from all but our own kind, who will return evil for evil, hate for hate, & punish us severely for every manifestation of selfishness & selfconceit, engendered by pride & self will.

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It is an acnolejed fact, by all wise & intelligent people, that no one can rise out of this condition without help — no more than a child can learn its letters without the assistence of a Teacher. He or she who renders this help, whether by imparting instruction — by extending sympathy, or by example, is a Savior to the one that is helpt, in that much as he is helpt. And no one can possess the Spirit of Christ our head, & the Savior of all, without feeling an interest in the welfare & prosperity of all in well doing, with love & sympathy for all who are in duty, & a desire to aid all in their spiritual travel, if it be no more than to set a good example. Example is often a greater help than mere words,

tho both are neccessary in their turns
"Precepts lead, but examples draw". "A man
of words & not of deeds, is like a garden
full of weeds"– When deeds & words go
together, each reinforces the
other. Where is this Savior found?
Or How can we find this Savior
Not by indulging our own will & way.
Not by looking into the heavens to
find some one that lived on earth 1900 years
ago, tho that may be good for us, if it does
not cause us to overlook the help near
by. It is true that Jesus Anointed & Mother
Ann were two of the best examples of
a Savior at hand — & they still minister
strength, comfort & courage to all who seek
it at their hands — but our greatest help is
here among us — as the little song says —
Not as I will O God, but as thou
wouldst have me — I cannot lead

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myself, but guidance seek from thee – I search not mid the stars that gem the vault above; But thy pure Order I approach, with confidence & love." As the hymn says,

How has Christ to us appeared,
How is he to us made known,
By what tie is he endeared,
Thru what channel does he come –
First in our beloved Mother
In her followers next he's found,
Those who learn to love each other,
And to keep all evil down –

These are our Saviors to day –
And in this love that forgives offences & which will finally redeem the world, I wish to increase till I have no other interest, & my example is pure & savory.

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"Father of Mercy Father of Justice
Thou holdest us all in the hollow of
thy hand; Thou controlest our course
On the wide trackless Ocean, And
thou guidest our feet on the pathless
land. Launching our ships on the sea
in life's morning, Never we fear
ebb or flow of the tide; Trusting in
thee as our Guide & our Helper,
Safely we'll anchor on the other side".

Jesus said Take heed that ye despise
not one of these little ones that believe in
me — for I say unto you that their Angels
in heaven, do always behold the face of
my Father in heaven. We each & all
are attended by guardian Angels, who
are interested in our welfare & prosperity,
& who will aid us to the extent of their power

if we are careful to obey all the light
that is given for our guidance & direction.
If we turn from that, because of the
cross involved, how can we reasonably
expect but that spirits of darkness who
are always watching for a chance, will step
in & lead us far from the way. *
We must be careful to resist beginnings.
Evil spirits, can not get any power over
us, so long as we cleave to the right.
As one has forcibly said, the weight of the universe
is prest down upon our shoulders
to hold us to our task — & there is no
escape but by performance.

If we utterly refuse to perform
the task assigned us by the Father of
Mercies & of Justice, till our oppor-
tunity has past by, our unimproved
talents will be taken away from us,
& we will have to content ourselves
with an inferior station to the one
originally designed for us.

* One of the honored of the world, who com
mitted an error that has covered his earth
career with infamy, but repented, is report.

"Take us the little foxes - the little foxes that spoil the vines." It is the little things of life, the careless neglect, the slighting word, or foolish joke, that chafe & mar & divide the union. It is the little acts kindness, the cheerful greeting, & encouraging word, that smooth the rufness of the way & makes sunshine in the hearts of giver & receiver.

So with regard to our justification, the little failings, the little orders disregarded, the careless ways, that we think are too small to take account of, mar our peace & justification, dull our spiritual perceptions, & make our atmosfere hazy.

Mother Lucy said not one gospel Order was establisht only by sufferings. It is only thru sufferings that they can be kept. And those sufferings work purification of heart & mind & soul. And it is only thru sufferings that any soul can be made pure.

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ed as writing thru a medium; "If you go an inch toward the bad, you are a mile away from God, before you know it.

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No soul can travel in the gospel, only in tribulation, Then let us face our trials bravely, knowing that the sooner our warfare is accomplisht, the sooner they will be over with, & we can enjoy the peace & the rapture of the Victor

By neglecting gospel Orders, we neglect a means of disciplining & of greatly beautifying the soul, & also delay the final triumf, when losses & crosses will come no more.

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"Not on the waves of feeling tost
Which bear us here & there,
Without a settled purpose or a foothold
any where, But grounded on Eternal
Love, Our spirits form a home,
Where no dividing elements of
discord ever come —
Rejoice, rejoice in the kingdom
come

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For which the Savior prayed, All strong in truth & righteousness are its found ations laid, A glorious inheritance, as-sylum for the opprest - Where the feet of the wanderer shall turn To find a place of rest".

The world is full of oppression - There is no place one can go to, that is free from it, for the sufficient reason that every one carries the elements of oppression in his own heart - & it is only by a change of heart that he can be releast from it. It works out between individuals in the strong op-pressing the weak. We see it in children - boys especially where a company of them live together - the older ones love to torment & op press the younger ones - The rich oppress the poor, who are compeld, the many to support

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the few in luxury & idleness. The poor oppress each other, by their carelessness, their wastefulness, their selfishness, & lack of discipline to orderly habits, & by unduly gratifying their appetites & passions. They have not many of them found out the cause of their trouble yet, but each one lays it to the other, so that the true remedy is not sought for. We believe their troubles will increase upon them, till they apply the remedy by our gospel provided. Which is to confess & forsake all sin, & to subdue selfishness by the daily cross, & serving the little ones in Christ, in whom the kingdom of heaven is planted & growing.

We have heard it said sometimes that the kingdom of heaven has not come. But the kingdom of God, is righteousness peace & joy in the Holy Spirit.

It is not in word but in power. 1 Cor IV:20.
The kingdom of God is where the principles of righteousness rule upon the throne of Judgment — & the principles of Order, harmony, purity, love, & kindness, rule the conduct of its subjects, & the result is peace, quietness & assurance forever.

The world is like a seething cauldron of conflicting elements & passions. Each one striving to be the greatest — to take advantage of the nabor — to monopolize the most paying positions, the best things & to live in ease & luxury at the expense of the nabor — & there is no peace, no quiet, no rest in such ways, & no permanent gains, no satisfactory assurance of being in the right, nor certainty of how the game of life will terminate — We do not deny that there are many good people in the world,

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Many virtuous & selfsacrificing—
if there were not, the race would fall
back into barbarism & savagery;
& the earth would be depleted of in-
habitants, as it is now among savage
nations engaged in frequent wars.
But we claim that the Society of the
world, as now constituted, exerts a per
nicious influence on individual char
acter, so that the best among them, ~~they~~
whose light is ahead of the masses, like
Tolstoi for instance, the Russian Re
former who is endeavoring to live ac-
cording to the teaching of Christ, &
like some who have come into our
communion, cannot, in that envi
ronment, live to the dictates of their
consciences. Tolstoi admits it—Our
good brother Daniel Fraser testified
to it—& we have a brother present
who testified the same.
It is a common complaint with Reformers.

The Life of the subjects of the kingdom of heaven; is not the life of the children of this world. Every kind of life must have an environment adapted to its requirements, for support, or it would perish. You cannot raise Oranges from a snow bank. Trees will not blossom & fruit amid the storms & frosts of winter.

The selfish impurity & hypocrisy of the worldly life, is like the biting frosts of Winter, to a subject of the gospel, who has the life of the kingdom of heaven begun in him. Therefore the word is, "Gather my Saints together unto me" — Flee out of the midst of Babylon that ye be not partakers of her sins & that ye receive not of her plagues. The Savior's hand, is the hand that gathers all his people into One. He shall send

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his Messengers with the great sound of a trumpet & they shall gather his Chosen, & there shall be One fold & One Shepherd. Who are his chosen? Those in whom the kingdom of heaven is planted as a seed, by the preaching of the Messengers. The trumpet which they sound, is the Everlasting Gospel, proclaiming the harvest of the world, the season of Judgment, & the Kingdom of God. Jesus likened the kingdom of Heaven to a seed – the least of all seeds, which is planted, & grows till it becomes a tree. This seed is the word of God, spoken by His Messengers, or the Messengers of Christ. One who has not the kingdom of heaven planted & growing within, can know nothing posi tively

of it without – he can see the effects on the lives of its subjects. Wherever this kingdom of heaven is forming within, it is attracted to others of like character & formation & they gather in groups or Societies, As waters that soak into the ground separate from the earth & spring up in streams & fountains, so the pure in heart, separate from all that is earthly & carnal & self seeking, that they may flow together to the goodness of God, And the Holy Spirit flowing forth from their purified affections, is like a fountain of clean waters, flowing out to redeem the world – For Jesus says He that believeth into me, out of his inward parts shall flow rivers of living waters

Will those waters be wasted on barren Deserts – We tell you nay – Their ultimate effect will be, to cause the desert to blossom as the rose & become a fruitful field, & the fruitful field shall become a forest

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Those who say the kingdom of God has not come, some of them point to the environment for proof — because the external has not been brot into that perfection of order & kept so, which we believe pertains to the kingdom of God in its complete & perfected state.

Others, being yet under the influence of the letter of Scripture are misled by the figurative language in which the prophecies are written, to expect a literal coming of the Lord Jesus in the literal skies of heaven, & a literal resurrection of the dead of all past ages, in their old cast off bodies, — & that Jesus sitting on a great throne in the air before all people will decide ~~us~~ in a Court, the eternal destiny of all present, to heaven or hell, then & there fixt for everlasting. Now whether agreeable to natural reason or not,

this entire proceeding is utterly opposed to spiritually illuminated reason, & to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Jesus declared when he went away, "The world seeth me no more". Consequently when he comes, & we believe he has come hundreds if not thousands of times, he comes to his followers, who are not of the world, & who have the promise that they shall see him in spirit, because they are alive in spirit as he is alive, but the world is not. The Son of man was to come in the clouds of heaven. It is no where said he would come in the clouds of the sky or of earth. Heaven is a spiritual state — it is the empire of mind, & its clouds must be spiritual clouds unseen by outward eyes. Every eye that shall see him, does not mean the eyes of a brute, but the eye of reasoning Intelligence the eye of Mind.

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"I'm thankful for that power Which saves my soul from sin — I'll ever bless the hour That I was gathered in The lovely fold in Zion, Where peace & comfort reigns, Tis here I am resolved, To ever spend my days In serving my Creator The Holy God above, Who hath my soul enrobed With His celestial love.. O God of love I thank Thee, for thy redeeming grace, Tis by thy power I'm saved from every thing thats base. Of all the lovely objects That e'er my eyes do see, I'm sure my heart is fixed, Most steadfastly on Thee — Forever yea forever while I remain in time, To thee I'll be devoted — My life, my all is thine."

What better service can any one have? There is no better service — nor a tenth part as good. What more profitable investment, can one make of his or her life & abilities,

than to build in the kingdom of God, by serving the little ones that believe in Christ, & whose lives are devoted to keeping his commandments. No other investment can compare with it.

Jesus testified The Law & the Prophets were until John. Since then, the kingdom of heaven is preacht. The law encouraged marriage, the holding of private property, & permitted the use of violence in selfdefence — the relation of master & servant, & the taking of an enemy's goods — an order of selfseeking, self serving, & every one look out for him self first & his nabor afterwards. But self generally whole means [illegible] The law served only to restrain sin, but not to remove it.

In the kingdom of heaven, all these things are reversed. The law of love & of mutual serving is substituted for exacting service of another, & self serving. Family ties are dissolved, private possessions abolisht — enemies are to be overcome, by doing them good instead of evil.

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Did Jesus, the first born Son of God, made perfect thru sufferings, demonstrate to the world a higher Order of life than that lived by the Jews, under the Law. If he did not, of what use was his coming? If he did, how can any considerate person, so lightly esteem what was accomplisht by him & his followers thru infinite sufferings, toil, & selfsacrifice, as to ignore their example & teaching, & fall back on the individual selfish life of the world, hoping to satisfy their spiritual cravings with the righteousness of the law, attained by only few before Christ came, but which never made any of the comers thereto perfect - & never wrought any deliverance from the nature of sin, & never, never, can.

Emerson says, An examplary christian of today, is content to be just such

a man as was a good Roman
in the days of Cicero, or of the im-
perial Antonines. Contentment
with the moderate standard of
pagan virtue implies that there was
no very urgent neccessity for
Heaven's last revelation. For the
laws of morality were written
distinctly enuf before, & filosofy
had pretty lively dreams of the
immortality of the soul. Jan. 1823

The few who are ablde to attain a high
Divine
degree of light, while living in the
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world, are still bearing fruit to the
with its mixture of good & evil
world, tho they may practice much self
denial to rescue the abandoned, & to lift
human creatures out of the slums.
Not one of them can enter the Kingdom
of God without being severed from the
life of the world, & becoming united to
the body of Christ, which is composed of
living members, — i.e. becoming a branch
of the vine.

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What folly for any rational being who has a chance to gain an everlasting inheritance in the Kingdom of God, to exchange it for a few short lived pleasures of this fleeting world, full of lies & treachery, & pitfalls innumerable, to ensnare the young & entice them to sin — full of shams & illusions of pleasure that never, never can satisfy the soul.

One can no more grow in the Kingdom of Heaven, separated from the body or vine of Christ, than an apple can be made to grow after it is pluckt from the tree — or than a cluster of grapes after it has been pluckt from the vine.

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"My people saith the Lord, incline to my word: Renew ye your covenant to honor your God; Your hearts undivided, Your services & strength, Ye have pledg unto me with days of full length. And I, I will bless those who will my laws obey; Tho purposely I try them, I hold them in my way; They shall flourish as the cedar on Lebanon's fair height, Which winds cannot prostrate Nor ruff tempests blite." (Union Village)

The leavening effect of temporal duties, & the natural tendency of earthly passions, is to cool our zeal & aspirations for the heavenly goal, hence the need of now & then, renewing our covenant of consecration, & quickening or rekindling our aspirations

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by temporary withdrawal from earthly care & the passing objects of time & sense, & fixing our thots on eternal things of our future & heavenly home.

Some dozing, short sighted mortals, whose spiritual perceptions are closed, or else have never been opened to heavenly light, will say "Let the future take care of itself". The present is all I care to attend to." This may be a good motto for those who know that the future is bound up, or lodged in the present, as a possible tree is lodged in a seed— & who understand what kind of future they desire, & what kind of action in the present, is needful to produce it. But those who are too indolent, to neglect, or too well satisfied with natural & perishible things to desire anything different, would be wiser to look into this matter,

& ponder it long & deeply, else they are liable to make for themselves very miserable conditions. For we all are architects of our own futures. Change feature for fortune or character, & all who have eyes of that, can see it. As the poet aptly puts it; Our deeds still travel with us from afar, And what we have been, makes us what we are". We will add, except those deeds that are put away from the heart & life, by confession & repentance. By the Mercy of God, those will cease to trouble us.

Any mortal who refuses to consider the future consequences of present actions, or to be instructed by from those who know, is like a traveller on a long journey that would refuse to use his eyes to avoid the swampy places, the rocks & the brambles that lie in the direction he is travelling.

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If we were machines controled entirely by a higher power, or mere animals that have no moral discernment, no after state of existence, nor power of choice, we would have no conception of the future, nor be accountable for our conduct. "Your hearts undivided." A full & complete consecration is easier, pleasanter, more soul satisfying than any divided, half way service. Full consecration gains the blessing & that is soul comforting, balsamic, & healing to all wounds & bruises. Halfway consecration & service is hanging between to opposing elements — is aggivating without healing or consolation, & never gains the blessing. The blessing is promist to those only who will obey Jehovah's Laws, tho they be tried to the utmost. He who holds the destiny of the

Righteous in His hands, will not suffer the trial to go beyond the strength but will in the extremity of trial, make a way of escape, & still hold them in His way. "Worship seems close kin to ~~like a contraction of~~ worthship. Then worship is ascribing worth & praise ~~ship~~ to the Divine Author of ~~our being~~ & Supreme Source of all our blessings.

I was struck last week with a passage I read in Scripture – As I live saith the Lord, my glory shall fill the whole earth. If this comes to pass, it must begin some where in a few people, for it is not to be accomplisht in an instant of time. So also must this reign of peace, that we have been singing about. It must begin in a few & increase to many. It is our great ~~privilege~~ to be pioneers in this great work if we will.

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"To the City of peace we are all marching on, To dwell when time is no more; No tongue can unfold the bright glories, Which are laid up for the faithful soul.

Are we all marching to the city of Peace?. We are all marching somewhere – to the end of all sublunary things. Will it be peace we shall find at the end of our earthly careers – ~~or will~~ Will it be peace & content, & love & joy in a new & spiritual creation? Or will it be disappointment & sorrow for neglected opportunities, despised privileges, & wasted hours, among brambles & thorns of our own raising.

Those who confess & forsake all their sins, & walk in subjection to gospel Order till slain to the nature of sin,

will find peace & comradeship, with every other blessing that heaven can bestow. This is important for every one to consider. No one can travel in the way of God, & commit sin. No sinner can come into the way of God, without confessing & repenting of all sins in his nolej, & leaving them forever behind. It is the first step any one can take in the gospel of Christ & of Mother. One cannot commit sin in the way of God. To commit one sin, knowingly, is to get out of the way, & the only way to get back, is to confess & repent, till we have ceased to commit.

The Prophet Zachariah alluding to the day when living waters shall go forth from spiritual Jerusalem says, "In that day, a fountain is opened to the house of David & to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin & uncleanness."

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Of course, to wash all impurity & wrong doing away. That fountain is the Order of confession. That is the Jordan, or Judgment, at the end of the souls wandering in sin, where all may wash their garments & make them clean, if they will. It is our great privilege to do so, & make our ~~selves~~ souls fit for the companionship of Angels, Fit inhabitants of that heavenly land, where no sorrow can come, & afflictions will be known no more, Why despise it — why neglect it till we are bound hand & foot, & are unable to free ourselves.

Jesus declared He that doeth sin is the slave of sin. John the inspired Apostle, says He that committeth sin is of the Devil. The Devil is a liar & the father of it. He promises happiness in sinning,

No one ever found it there,
tho they may find a momentary pleas
ure. But it ends in death, & sting
of torment & disappointment.
From which there is no deliverance
except by the mortification of con
fession, repentance, & the daily cross
O the firey cross of selfdenial!
Begin while young to bear it – & it
will never be so heavy as it will after
a life spent in sin & folly of worldly
enjoyment – It will save from
a vast amount of unnecessary pain
& trouble. No one can serve two
Masters at the same time. No
one can free himself from the
Slavery of Sin without help of the
Love & power of God. Nature can
not overcome nature. Sin cannot over
come sin. The Love of God invites
you to come to this fountain & bathe
therein, tile healed, & freed from the
limitations of a sinful service

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to the appetites & passions of mind & body.
"Come — Come to my fountain
Saith the Holy Selan, a Holy Spirit—
Come, bathe in these waters & be ye
made clean — For lo! I am mar—
ching thru thy tents with my band,
And sealing the pure with my own
right hand."

From the time I was 8
years of age till 18 or 19, I was re-
quired to come before my Elder or
Caretaker, once a week, & report
my standing. I learned to believe
that confessing sins, was the only way to get
rid of their presence & power to harm
me, & to a large degree, of temptation.
I did not always wait till the appointed
time, but sought a privilege whenever
I felt extra need, as I did sometimes.
I am thankful at every reccollec-tion

of the pains that was taken with me, to bring me to order & to Judgment. That I was not left to grow hardened under the gospel testimony, nor to continue erring till I lost sight of the way.

Father James, who spake the Word of God that cannot fail nor be broken, testified "The time will come when all mankind will see that this is the only way of God, — the only way of peace & salvation. And the blessed doctrine of the cross, — of confessing & forsaking all sin, which is now so grievious & offensive to the fallen race of Adam, will be the most blessed, melodious & joyful sound that ever came to their ears." Why not? why not.

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3 Called, & separated from the world, that we may to receive Jehovah's law of the spiritual Life, be a chosen generation redeemed from all evil, & a light to the nations. What have we, each one of us to give, when they call on us for help. In the time of our Spiritual manifestations in a message exhorting us to gather up the fragments of our feast, that nothing be lost, we were told the time would come when thousands would be thankful to see the doors of our dwellings, & we would need every crumb that had been given us to feed them.

We spake last sunday of the veneration amounting to worship, which people of all denominations in civilized countries, Catholics, Greeks, Protestants, Jews & Mahomedans, cherish toward Palestine, the ancient land of the Jews, a people despised & persecuted in all parts of the world. Thousands upon thousands of pilgrims, from all parts of the civilized world, visit there every year & hold high celebrations on certain memorable days.

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Begin (1)

"Press on O my children,
Tho your way seems rough & dark,
O'er the high & swelling billows,
I will safely guide your bark,
Come, come, O hasten home to me,
In the Paradise of glory, your
Eternal home shall be,
There in sweetest love I'll meet you
When your mortal life is der,
There your sun of perfect glory
Shall rise to set no more
There to ~~shout~~ allelulias & sing praise
evermore And with the holy Angels swell the " " song of victory"

Who says this — tis the voice of a loving Parent, a Savior, that is carefully watching over our destiny — One who has power to guide, to persuade, to chastise with reproof, when we go wrong, to soothe & comfort & encourage when we are doing right, but never arbitrarily forces our wills. It is the Mother Spirit of Truth — the Comforter which

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Jesus promist should abide with
his disciples forever, & guide them
into all truth; that watches over, &
often speaks to all her true children:
even we, who
have set out to follow Christ in the regener
ation, & are laying down our carnal
lives on the daily cross, by keeping
his commandments, are rightful
heirs to this promise — We are his
true disciples — We are Mother's
little flock, We are of that chosen
number, Who are building on the
rock of everlasting ages.
We have believed on him, thru the
word of the Messengers he sent. And
by our joining to those Messengers, we
are joined to him, & to the Eternal Father
& Mother, & all Just Spirits & Angels, &
do receive our life from them.
"Fear not little flock, tis your Parents good 160
pleasure to give you the kingdom for which
you contend, And make you joint heirs to a heav
enly treasure, If you'l stand unshaken & firm to the end.

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Many take portions of the soil, & stones, & the water of Jordan, as objects of peculiar sanctity & of veneration, to carry home with them. On account of the unselfish & devoted lives of the holy people who have lived & died there, & have left a history of their sayings & doings that has been as food & a guide to millions upon millions, who had no other light to guide them to the favor of God.

These things prove a want in the human mind, which the riches, honors & pleasures of a selfish life, howsoever abundant, cannot satisfy or fill. Yet these same people so eager in the pursuit of a substitute for bearing the cross, are quite unwilling to give up their selfish wills in imitation of those holy one's, on whose record they

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place so much dependance, so long as it promises them present enjoyment, tho it be ever so little in practice. But it is self limited, & will come to an end bye & bye, like all those natural & temporal things on which it feeds. He that seeketh to save his earthly, carnal life, shall lose it. But he that layeth it down in serving the little ones that follow Christ, will find it again with interest new a hundred fold, purified & transmuted into life eternal. This is the law of spiritual unfoldment. Those who hold on to the natural life till it perishes by its own limitation, will be constrained in their sorrow & desolation, to call upon upon God for a renewal of life, & it will have to come thru

those who voluntarily sur-
render their lives on the cross of
Christ, in mutual serving, while
they have power to please themselves.
These have conserved the first gifts
of their Creator, & thereby gained a
power for good, which the others have
lost on their selfish enjoyments, &
it is just that it should be so.

Those who restrain & deny their
selfish propensities in this life, thru a prin-
ciple of love to the Divine Law written
in their hearts, it is according to the
law of development, & perfect righteous-
ness, that they become Rulers, Judges
& Governors in the next. And those
who follow the attractions of their in-
ferior desires, till their forces are
exhausted, are of necessity, the ruled.

Unto him who hath loved us & washt us in
his own blood — or love — & cleansed us
& made us kings & Priests unto our God.

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"The Lord will have a chosen few
Who to the gospel will prove true,
His holy power will bear them then
To reign o'er sin victorious,
Those who the tide of nature stem,
His wings of love will cover them,
Yea they shall shine like precious gems
How beautiful & glorious".

We sang last sunday,
Every faithful firm endeavor
In the glorious cause of right,
Stands for thee a star gem ever,
Pleasing in Jehovahs sight.

A short time since, I saw in a night vision, a zealous brother, companion of my earlier years, who past to the invisible nearly 30 years ago, & whom I had seldom had any impression of since. He had on a cape, ornamented with

shining thru the external, & ever increasing in luster, because

Shining thru the external, & ever increasing in luster, because their impelling source is Eternal.

silver crosses, that made a
very pleasing impresson. They were about
half an inch in size, & 3 or 4 inches a-
part. I desired him to visit me some-
where. His countenance exprest dis-
pleasure, as tho it would interfere with
his plan for the use of his time. O well,
I said; you need not come, nor feel un-
der the least obligation on account of
my request. But he insisted he would
come, because I had desired. The lesson
I read from the interview, was this.
All the little crosses taken up to oblige
a brother or Sister, even to giving a cup
of cool water in Christ's name, will
add to the beauty of our spiritual attire.
They leave their impression on the charac-
ter which will never be effaced. They con-
stitute an Eternal treasure.
Why, should not an opposite course of
conduct, by the same law, produce an
opposite effect. Every act of ill will,
of false judging, of evil speaking — offen spite,
uncourteous behavior, — cross & crabbed way

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all greediness, selfishness pride, & envy & detraction, help to make an ugly, deformed, dark hateful & hating, character, deaf to the celestial harmonies of pure, & refined & loving aspirations, — blend to the graces & virtues, — ever ascribing low, mean & selfish motives for the most noble actions of self sacrifice, because it comprehends no other. Will not the owner of such a character be ashamed in the light which exposes its true inwardness in all its ugliness & naked deformity, & shrink back of its own choice, into darkness to hide its shame.

And it will take a long time & cost accute suffering to exchange this condition for the opposite, after it has once been taken on, by allowing the evil seeds of the natural heart to spring up & assume control.

We do not plead that this is an eternal character, because, it is being formed of the elements of the temporal life; but it debars its owner from its eternal inheritance & if not put off voluntarily, by confession & repentance, it will be destroyed by (we are told) the judgments of God, & the creature be left desolate & forlorn. & is this is the second death we read of in Revelations. I believe it is. Why is it so great a cross to confess & repent of our sins in the Order Divinely appointed. This unwillingness is proof that there is a dark & dishonorable side to our character, which we wish to conceal from those whose light would condemn it. It is further evidence that we need to confess, because it is the only means God in mercy has provided to blot out our transgressions & enable us to overcome that nature in us which is opposed to this service.

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In the days of my childhood, I was one of a company of 10 children. Some of them were discontented & wisht to return to the world, whence they were taken. We were taught that if we were honest to keep our sins confest, we would not want to go to the world. I found it so in my case. I knew I could not be happy in this world or any other, unless I took up my cross against all known sin. If it cost so much effort to do that here, where all arrangements, all environments & the ruling authority of the household are designed to aid us in the right, & to dissuade us from doing wrong, what prospect of my doing it outside where lies & deception reign, & temptations throng & environments favor the indulgence of pleasures that are dragging the multitude down to destruction.

I am thankful that I was tawt while young to confess when I did wrong, & followed up by my Instructors, so that I could not feel any peace of mind when I had done amiss till I had con-fest it. For by it, I have been able to overcome the disposition to do wrong — it greatly diminisht the power of temptation, & now many things I formerly was tempted in, do not truble me at all — I have no inclination to do them. There are some things like speaking ill of another where it will do no good — or complaining of trials & grievances, or the violating of some gospel order, that still have to be confest accasionally, but I mean to keep it up till there is nothing in me, contrary to the spirit of holiness. My peace flows like a river, & new sources of joy are springing along my way.

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"Good brethren will you receive my l
Good sisters will you receive my lo
Plase it in a cup & you may drink
up Tis my best & sweetest love
I give it to you on the wings o
Freedom, I give it to you on the
wings of joy. I give it to you
to strengthen union, Pride & bond
to destroy."

I know that Mother o
me for her son. It is as high hono
as I want, to be a true child of
our heavenly Mother, & to be
owned by her faithful children a
a worthy heir to the Saints inheritanc

2 Bk. One of our number recently gave a beau
tiful testemony in
to Mother Ann's gospel, & the chang

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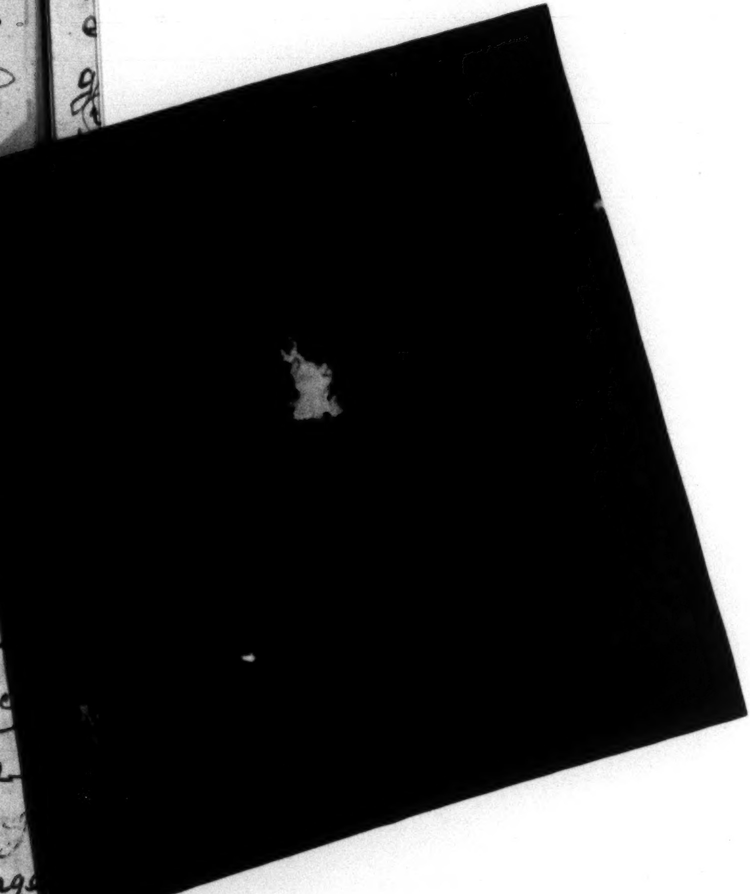
Thou shalt Love the Lord, All His
righteous statutes heed, By the Prophets
came the Law, How dost thou The mes-
sage read — Love all thy fellow men,
Do good where now is ill, Thus render
praise to God, And His righteous Law fulfill.
A Prophet is an Interpreter of the will of God
to men. All our nolej of God comes to us
first, thru human beings as mediators, who are
nearer to God, or are more instructed than we
are. The first nolej of a child, comes thru parents
or early guardians.



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The avenues of spiritual ... in the child are opened later. In some, they do not open till arrived at mature age, & in others, still later. Hence the need of Teachers. Hence the world has never been without Prophets. Extra very short season, at most. During the darkest period of the reign of Antichrist, The Two Witnesses prophesied. And now that we live in the most enlightened age known in history, it is largely owing to the greater number & greater en-lightenment of the Prophets of our day, augmented by the labors & suffering for truth's sake, of all who have gone before.

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or load them down with a
pack load of [illegible] trash made
partly from its own dark imagin
ation & partly from other people's sins,
that he may feel more at ease
to continue in sin. This bless
ed gospel that we have received, is the
gate of heaven & we know it. Shall
we hold among us the swine, who trample our
pearls under their feet, & who rend & devour
the lambs of the flock — We used to sing a song

Draw, draw the separating
line between, between the good
& evil, & the separating work
was carried on by
each soul separating between
good & evil in their own hearts &
memories, & casting the evil
into the furnace to be consumed.
The same is done now, by every
child of our heavenly Mother.
I have no ill will toward any per
son. Whoever will show

are we such lovers of peace that we will suffer [illegible]

by their words & actions that they are repenting of their sins & laboring to put them away, has my good will & sympathy. But what must we think, & how ought we to feel as lights of the world, toward a spirit that acnol-ejes itself to be a liar & a thief, & ~~caring nothing for the future~~ content to remain such. That openly denounces the testimony of faithful brethren & sisters who repent of their sins & are leaving them behind, as "nothing but lies nothing but lies." Will it honor us so as to advance our cause before the inquiring world. Will it call down the blessing of God upon our labors & invite good Angels to draw near & be our guardians & helpers. Shall we fraternize with the polluter of our Sanctuary, the darkener of our horizon, Or shall we rise in the might of truth & purity

as the heart of one to cast out this spirit — this murderer of innocence, this robber of the people of God, which takes the children's bred & away tramples it under foot, & feeds them with old bones & garbage till they are unable to distinguish between truth & falsehood. Is it any wonder the little ones cry & spit out the food offered them by their loving Shepherds — having more relish for that which feeds self-will & builds them up in their vanity, pride & worldliness.

No wonder they graduate from such tuition & companionship for the world, & are harder to be reacht by the Spirit of Truth that calls to repentance, than fresh recruits that never heard the gospel. It is not a question of mere personal opinions, nor of personal friendships — but it is a question of principles of right & wrong. It is a question of whether we will stand by & hold our peace, while the Lord's heritage which

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has been delivered to our keeping is trampled down & the tender plants destroyd by the wild Beast of lawless lust & passion which has been the destruction of all human happiness where it has had sway, since man dwelt on the earth.

Has that spirit any right here? Can any amount, or kind, or length of service purchase a right for this spirit among the people of this community? It cannot. It has no right to exist on God's footstool, nor in any human heart.

"O little big I, I mean you shall die — I'll war, I'll fight, I'll make you fly — How mean you are, And mean you shall fare — You've got to come down, flat to the ground." If we will not each of us do this work for ourselves,

the nature & constitution of all
things will so operate as to do it for
us, to our great mortification & confu
sion of face. All will find that the
honor one tries to save by noncom
pliance with the requirements of
the gospel, is a delusion, a phantom
a mocking shadow, in pursuit of
which, souls lose the true & lasting
honor, which is gained in humility &
obedience to Divine Laws, & find
find themselves as a result, outcast & forlorn.
And the cowardly unbelieving, & polluted,
& murderers & all liars shall have
their part in the lake that burneth with
fire & brimstone, which is the second
death. But liars are blind to soul con
ditions & do not believe in the torments
represented by this figure of speech. Nevertheless, they will find them, all the same. If
they would believe the warning, in mercy

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given, & would cast out the lying spirit, that they would not come into it. How can any one believe the truth, who believes & follows a lying spirit, of choice. In the truth, is deliverance & safety, if the captive will only break his chains & lay hold of the help that is extended, to make a complete revolution in character & conduct. If he rejects the warning, he is preparing a bed with tortures that will receive him, when the harvest of his sins, is returned to the sower, in the Judgment that is sure to all.

Some of the commandments

Thou shalt not go up & down among the people as a talebearer. Thou shalt not bear false Witness or testimony. That is, thou shalt not speak falsely – but speak truth, all the days of thy life.

Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy nabor's — much less steal or take possession of it, without the owners consent. A theif generally takes things on the sly — he is afraid (knows he is doing wrong &) he will be discovered.

A liar is also a coward. He is afraid to have the truth told about him. Else he is maliceous & a mischief maker, generally both. a liar is a bravo toward God, & a coward toward men.

"A woe to the liar, he is doomed to the fire Till all his dark lies are confest, & repented of — A woe to the thief, without any relief, He is sentenced in body & soul to restore every wrong, & confess with his tongue, Whatever he's robbed or stole."

"Ye Witnesses of truth, arise, proclaim the word — Fear not to often wield the sharp two edged sword, That will cut away the barriers that impede our onward march." "Let us stamp upon each moment, The record we would see, When we have joined our friends In Eternity."

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We are called here not only to save ourselves, but to be a light to others. To be a chosen holy generation, redeemed from all evil. And to be able to teach souls who have become tired of the world & wish to escape its bondage, how to rise out of it, & to administer power that will enable them to obey the teaching, if they will accept it.

Those who live the gospel, will have that power of ministration, & those who do not, will be put to shame for having wasted their opportunities, if they do not fall back to the world.

There is nothing more beautifies young people than innocence & purity of heart, with devotion to a good cause.

We sing of washing in Jordan, &

that Jordan hath the power of healing.
Washing in Jordan is a figure of
speech for confessing & repenting of
sins.
We read that the people of Jerusalem
& of all Judea, came to John the
forerunner of Christ, at Jordan,
confessing their sins, & were baptized
of him in Jordan. Sin makes
the soul dark & black, diseased, scarred
& deformed — & binds it down
to this earthly sphere.

By confessing & repenting of all sin,
& keeping wholly in the light — doing
nothing privately that we would be
unwilling to have our Elders know,
the soul will grow bright, strong &
healthy, beautiful, symetrical, harmonious
& transparent, like the
light which guides its actions.

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In 1872, a sister in this family had an interview with Sister Sally Bushnell, who appeared standing by her bed side, before she ~~was~~ fully returned to outer consciousness. Sister Sally had past on sometime before & she spake as follows.

You have yet to travel 20 miles in an exceeding rough road, before you can see Eldress Ruth. [The Seer was desiring to see Eldress Ruth]. It will doubtless take you 20 years to accomplish this. [It is now 20 years last January]. Then the night will be past, & the sun of endless day will rise upon you, never more to set.

If you are faithful in this world, you will become a Preacher of righteousness hereafter. And so will every one

who is called by the gospel in this world, if they will be faithful. Here is the seed time, but the harvest of souls is in the world to come. Those called by the gospel here are the reapers of the harvest there. The power of attraction to that which is good, is greater in the spirit world than it is here.

People considered the most noble & of highest renown in this world, are commonly ready before all others, to acnolej the Second appearing of Christ in the female, as perfectly rational & consistent, & consequently submit in obedience to the establisht principles & doctrines, upon which all Societies of such believers are everywhere founded.

For instance, when people of the United States find that those whom they consider the Father's of our country's Independence are among our people, & they at once inquire the cause seeing all their former false hopes

are lost, many of them are willing to embrace the truths of a higher life which of the evidences of its superiority in every thing pure, delightsome & happifying, are easily seen in all the exterior as well as interior surroundings by the faithful possest. while the honors, riches & transitory pleasures of earth, are like shadows, past & gone forever.

I askt Is there no falling back of souls to worldly elements there? Sister S. replied There is nothing but their own condemnation to fall back upon, & therefore very little to induce any one to leave their home with believers. Tho many by unfaithfulness lose their forward previlege & fall into backward [lower] orders. Like indolent scholars falling back to a younger class in school.

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"Press ye on my faithful children
In this lovely path you see, Thru this
vale of sorrow twill lead you To a sweet
Eternity - Stand ye firm, stand unshaken,
When afflictions round you roll For I
have a home & a beautiful mansion
For the meek & humble soul."

This promise of a tender, watchful
Parent, is true for all time, to every
soul that is earnestly & faithfully stri
ving to obey Mother's gospel.

The testimony of our gospel, is,
confess & repent of your sins, & obey the
counsel & direction of your Elders,
who are anointed & consecrated to do
the will of God in preference to their
own. Some one askt Father Joseph

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What the increase of the work of God in the Church consisted in. He replied The increase of the work of God in the church, is a gradual coming down, & so it will continue thru time. The word gospel is defined as good news. It also includes the meaning God's spell, spell having the meaning of a charm or influence that binds the will as when we say "spell bound" - not absolutely, but partly or tentively.
It is God's spell acting upon the reason, understanding & moral faculties in opposition to the world's spell, operating thru the passions & propensities of the lower nature.

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I am the Alpha & the Omega, says the Lord God. who is, who was, & is coming, the Almighty. Rev. 1:8. The past, the present & the future, to the Infinite Mind, are all alike, but to us finite minds, the present is continually born of the past, & our futures arise from the present & are molded by it. The Sages teach, "All that we are, is the result of what we have thot — it is founded on our thots — we are made up of our thots" & deeds. Because all action begins in the mind, & the action of mind is in thot. Tho the action may cease in a given direction, its effect continues, & the quality of the act, good or bad, is stampt on the mind to influence future conduct, till, if bad,

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the antidote, provided in our gospel, is applied to neutralize & destroy the ill ~~& the nature which causes it.~~

Such being the power of thot, by controlling our thots, & fixing our attention upon the things that pertain to our peace, aided by the gift of God in the gospel. We can school ourselves out of the evils & imperfections of our natural birth, into that which we wish to be. For whatever the mind or attention dwells upon, that will grow. And as all life grows by action, ascending or descending from stage to stage, we may know that such as our thots & actions are, such is the quality of our life. Also that our roots are in the past, so that when the Spirit of God visits

a creature & the soul is waked up to see its loss & to cry unto Him in humility & fervency of spirit for deliverance, tho it may change its motives & take on a new spirit, renouncing selfishness for unselfishness — & exchange pride & pleasure, seeking, for humility & self de-nial, break off its sins by righteous-ness, & form a new character of holi-ness & purity — it cannot change the life that is past only by degrees, a little at a time, thru much suffering & trib-ulation. The old life with all its deeds, is woven into the texture of the different layers, or daily deposits on the organization called the soul — each day, between sleeping & awaking is deposit-ed a layer as if you spread a canvass or vail over previous days actions. Between waking & sleeping we are picturing on that canvass, all the deeds, thots & emotions of our wakeful living hours till we sleep again.

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Hence life is compared to a book, & each day furnishes a page. Hence also we speak of the book of memory — & of turning a new leaf, when we contemplate a change of motives & conduct. Here again we may see that the quality of our motives & intentions, determines the beauty or ugliness of our book of life; makes our most valuable possession attractive or repulsive, according as we act, from day to day, hour by hour, & minute by minute. The Apostle tells us, "The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is ~~the Lord from heaven~~ a life giving spirit." 1 Cor. XV: Our first conscious knowledge begins in outward, earthly things, & grows by feeding on earthly things till spiritual consciousness awakens within us, & we begin to receive knowledge of a spiritual & heavenly creation

far transcending the earthly.
The second man is the Lord from
heaven. The kingdom of heaven is
within — & so the Lord, the Ruler
of both heaven & earth, develops from
within the interior of the mind. The mind
& spirit is dual or biune, being interior
& exterior. The exterior deals with
earthly material things, & the inte-
rior with spiritual & heavenly
things. When the exterior is open to
the world, the interior is closed to
heaven. When the interior is open to
heaven, the exterior is closed to the
world. Some keep their interiors
closed, most of the time that they may
enjoy the world & the things of time & the
objects of sense. By so doing they
dwarf their spiritual being & prevent
the Lord from appearing & taking
dominion of the soul. Such are domin
ated by the transient, perishing things of time

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time & sense. They live in the external present. There is an external present & an internal present. It is true that the present is the only time to live, or in which we can live. All living creatures live in the present, both saints & sinners — both self pleasers who are building their dwellings in hell, & the self sacrificing who are building in heaven. Those who are building in heaven, live in the internal present — & have no need to feel concerned for the distant future, further than keep eye on their goal they have started, because they are living in harmony with the laws which create an abiding heaven in all who will obey them. They are not drifting on the sea of life wherever the winds & currents chance to take them. They have a chart & compass aboard & a port in view, for which they resist, opposing currents of sinful passion, the contrary winds of

circumstances, yet in futures, or they would never gain the port for which they started.

Those who live wholly in the external present, & allow the drift of their passions to govern them, drift with the current, or float lazily on the tide till storms arise & they are dasht upon the breakers & their ships are destroyed, & they are left homeless & houseless to crawl upon the rocks.

It is this future that we would warn the careless & thotless pleasure seeker to escape.

The beasts of the field & forests, ex Know only the present, & beastly men greatly resemble them in this.

But man is able by memory & reflection to ponder & treat the past, & draw from experience of himself & others, lessons of wisdom to guide his course in the future. And by the faculty of forethot, he can so plan his actions in the ever present

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Now ~~art~~ to make his future, whatever he wishes it to be, within the bounds of Law & reasonable consistency.

We read that when the Lamb opened the first seal, there went forth a white horse, & he that sat on him had a bow. It was not given him, he had it - but a crown was given him - he had to earn that - & he went forth conquering & to conquer. The bow represents the faculty of forethot. It sends forth arrow to its mark in the distance.

By forethot man conquers the elements. By forethot man lays his plans for the future so as to effect specific designs. All man's achievements in Art in mechanics, in discovery & invention have been made possible by the exercise of the faculty of forethot. It forms the chief distinction between master & slave. The slaves of passion & circumstances use little or no forethot.

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It is sometimes askt, if the system
we teach is right, why do we not suc-
ceed? Ans. Because there are
divisions, parties & clashing opinions
among us, that give encouragement
to enemies & traitors, opposed to self de-
nial, who despise discipline & the re-
straints of Order & defy authority — who
set an evil example & conversation,
ruinous to all young & tender plants of
faith & conscientious obedience.
Tale bearers, slanderers, false accusers,
Liars, thieves, deceivers, hypocrites, cha-
racters which have no respect, nor to
exist anywhere in creation.

The testimony of Jesus and the tes-
timony of our gospel, is the spirit of
prophecy. It awakens forethot, by show-
ing to souls, the future consequences
of present actions. All will have to
reap what they sow. It is a law in the realm

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of mind that cannot be evaded.
They who sow briars & thorns in the way of others, will reap briars & thorns, & be stung with poisonous spines & nettles.
They who sow kindness & peace & harmony will reap kindness, peace & respect.
I have no ill will toward a person here, but rather that every one would cast out the evils & repent & be saved. The spirit that does those things [illegible] It will be askt [illegible], Who is to blame for this state of things? Ans. Every one that unites with a spirit of slander, of false judging, or evil speaking, or of disrespect to Order [illegible] Government. Let us consider what motive [illegible] inspired our Parents who gave us this system as the result of their labors, & who made it succeed, as all candid minds who have seen their fruits, will readily admit.
Their leading motive was to save souls, & guide them in the way to Eternal Life, to convert them from the kingdom & rule of this world to the Kingdom & rule of Christ. The acquiring & possession of property in this worlds goods was a secondary consideration with them.
The system they formed, was founded

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on this principle — Seek first the Kingdom of heaven & its Righteousness, & all things needful for ~~the care of~~ the body, will be added to you." Observe it is a kingdom & not a democracy — The Ruler thereof is Christ, who is king of kings & Lord of lords. The primary idea of Righteousness, is a strait line. (R) It means doing according to correct rule, & eternal law.

How is it now adays? Let one come in from the world, receive a few instructions from the Elders or one appointed by them, & go to work among the people who think they ought to govern by their votes, & share in the general direction of affairs. We do not say brethren, because brethren in the family of Christ, do not decide

matters by vote, nor elect their
Leaders to office, nor publicly criticize
their Leaders, nor one another, un
less requested to do so, by proper authority.
Let one who is tired of the follies & dis
sensions of the world come among us
for relief — & what will he hear, while
associating with the people of this
family. Will he hear anything said
about the goodness of the way of God.
or Confessing & repenting of sins to save
his soul. Will he be told in a sincere
serious manner the orders of the family,
that he may learn to keep them. One
who came among us not long ago, who
said he came because he wanted to lead a better life than he
could in the world, was instructed by his Elder that
our Order requires us to show all written

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correspondence to the Elders. He was told within a few hours afterward, by one who admits himself to be a liar & thief, "Nobody keeps it." That was false, but it worked its mischief & prevented one more from keeping an excellent & necessary rule in a house of Order.

Will he hear the members of our household spoken of in a kind, respectful manner, as those who are laboring to rectify their faults & atone for their errors — whose failings are to be gently dealt with as proceeding from ignorance rather than intention — & only need pointing out to have them corrected. If we do not respect each other, how can we expect others to respect us, or expect the young in years or young in faith to learn

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unselfish sacrificing, industrious people,
devoted to the cause of Christ & the salva
tion of souls. Any one that diverts more

[illegible] gospel. Are the young encour-
aged by the daily conversation they hear
to obey the counsel of their Elders — to keep
good Order — to settle their minds to foreake
the world & the ways of the world forever, & to de
vote their lives to the service of God in
the gospel of Christ & Mother. These
are the conditions necessary to main
tain among members of a family, to
make our cause a success, & to plant
souls in the Faith of Believers, whether
they come in from outside, or are raised
among us. Mutual criticism —

We are endeavored to so frame my discourses that they shall enlighten & plant faith in minds that have it not, & increase faith in those who have it — to quicken the conscience of the indifferent, & to warn all wrong doers, of the future consequences of present actions. To strengthen the weak, encourage the strong — to soothe the afflicted & enable all to divide between right & wrong, to leave wrong behind & courageously travel on.

management. And why so anxious to control the property, when scarcely a thot is given to the use for which

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self sacrificing, industrious people,
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tion of souls. Any one that diverts more
or less of the consecrated interest, to build
up self, is a thief & a robber— A robber
of God. Property is the bone of contention ~~dissension~~
which has wrecked many families
& projected communities. whose motives
in organizing were more temporal than
spiritual. The temporal changes & pas-
ses— the spiritual only abides.
Have we not more worldly possessions
than we are able to manage with profit.
It is all we can do to keep our home premises
in proper repair, to say nothing of preach-
ing & spreading the gospel. A little while
since, our Manifesto which did not take
a 50th part of our time & labor, was felt

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as an intolerable burden & had to be dropt, "because it does not bring in anything." Who is responsible? All who do not take an interest in spreading a nolej of our faith, especially those who do not believe in our gospel, only for supplying their physical wants. All who do not set a good example of obedience to Order & Counsel. It is not agreeable to talk these things, but is sometimes necessary to hold a glass up before us, that we may see where we are & what we have to gain, that we may take a step forward in the right direction. The work of the gospel is a work of separation between good & evil. We need to draw the separating line, each in our own hearts. Those who will not draw the separating line in their own hearts, should go outside, where they belong.

The source of outward bliss lies deep within,
'Tis not the outward state, but temper of the
soul by which we rate sadness or joy.

From "Paracelsus."

Truth is within ourselves: it takes no rise
From outward things, whate'er you may believe.
There is an inmost centre in us all,
Where truth abides in fulness; . . .
and to know
. . . .
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape
Than in effecting entry for a light
Supposed to be without. Watch narrowly
The demonstration of a truth, its birth,
And you trace back the influence to its spring
And source within us, where broods a radiance vast,
To be elicited ray by ray as chance shall favor.

—*Robert Browning.*

There are those here who are consecrated to the last drop of their blood.
They are the strength & backbone of
the Institution — The heavens bless
them we know — They are the
salt of the earth, & the light
of the world.

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the promised blessing of
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